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"Anthem to Oneonta"

Walton F. Deming

(To the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")

Oneonta is the city where the songs of freedom ring;
Where the happy hills and mountains shade the river and the springs;
Where a century of progress tends to make us shout and sing;
IT'S THE CITY OF THE HILLS.

CHORUS·

Glory, glory, Oneonta,
Glory, glory, Oneonta,
Glory, glory, Oneonta,
IT'S THE CITY OF THE HILLS.

By the rolling Susquehanna as it flows past to the sea;
By the fertile hills and valleys so magnificent to see;
By a road of steel and iron; homes were built for you and me.
IT'S THE CITY OF THE HILLS.

CHORUS:

Now a century of living through the years of time have thronged,
We are thankful for the privilege to celebrate in song.
We pledge a new allegiance that will keep us free and strong.
IT'S THE CITY OF THE HILLS.

CHORUS:

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

B. of R. T. Commemoration
65th Anniversary and
Dedication of War Memorial

To Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice in World Wars I and II

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. W. LUDWIG — NORMAN R. DOMMERMUTH — WALTER L. GETTER

NEAHWA PARK — B. OF R. T. SHRINE

10:50 A. M.—DST ---------- Tolling of Church Bells

10:55 A. M.—DST Invocation ---------- The Rev. A. A. Cunningham

11:00 A. M.—DST Benediction ---------- Rev. Harold C. Buckingham

11:05 A. M.—DST Introduction ---------- Mr. A. W. Ludwig

11:10 A. M.—DST Master of Ceremonies ---------- Mr. H. F. Sites

SPEAKERS AND HONORED GUESTS

Hon. Alexander F. Carson ---------- Mayor of the City of Oneonta
Gen. Carl R. Gray ---------- Administrator, Veterans Administration
Mr. John W. Barringer ---------- President, C. I. & L. R. R.
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Mr. F. L. Hanlon ---------- Manager of Personnel, D. & H. R. R.
Mr. H. F. Burch ---------- General Superintendent of Transportation
Mr. William Wallace ---------- Superintendent of Susquehanna Division
Mr. R. N. Clemons ---------- Trainmaster Susquehanna Division
Mr. Harry See ---------- National Legislative Representative, B. R. T.
Mr. Charles Sullivan ---------- State Legislative Representative, B. R. T.
Hon. Francis McElroy ---------- Regional Council, B. R. T.
Mr. Robert O. Ware ---------- District Manager, B. R. T. Retirement Board
Mr. W. P. Kennedy ---------- General Secretary and Treasurer, B. R. T.
Mr. W. A. Endle ---------- Genral Council, B. R. T.
Mr. D. A. McKenzie ---------- Assistant to President, B. R. T.
Brigadier General Joseph L. Whitney
Mrs. Anna G. Hartley ---------- Grand Executive Board, Ladies Auxiliary, B. R. T.
Mr. Elmer Wessell ---------- Only surviving Charter Member, B. R. T.
Mr. A. F. Whitney ---------- Grand President, B. R. T.

2:30 P. M.—DST Dedication of War Memorial ---------- General Joseph L. Whitney

Closing Memorial Services, Life's Railroad to Heaven
Reverend Richard L. Lloyd

6:30 P. M.—DST B. of R. T. 65th Anniversary Banquet, State Armory

9:00 P. M.—DST Football Game, Hartwick College vs. Brockport S. T. C., Neahwa Park

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Centennial Pioneer Day

Daily — Early Oneonta Antique Exhibit ..... Retail Store Windows
Special Centennial Values at All Stores

12:30 P. M.—DST Kangaroo Court ..... Front of Municipal Building

2:00 P. M.—DST Old Time Get-Together ..... First Presbyterian Church

6:45 P. M.—DST Horse Parade ..... Main Street

8:30 P. M.—DST 1st showing Dramatic Historical Spectacle
"It Happened in Oneonta" ..... Neahwa Park

10:30 P. M.—DST Old Time Street Dance ..... Grand and Main

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Municipal and Firemen's Day

10:00 A. M.—DST Firemen's Exhibition and Rescue Drill ..... Municipal Building

1:30 P. M.—DST Mammoth Centennial Parade

Divisions:
- Pet Parade
- Military Units
- Band Units
- Firemen's Parade
- Feature Float Parade

4:00 P. M.—DST Awarding of Parade and Float Prizes ..... Neahwa Park

7:30 P. M.—DST Genuine Indian Ceremonial Ritual ..... Neahwa Park

8:30 P. M.—DST 2nd showing Dramatic Historical Spectacle
"It Happened in Oneonta" ..... Neahwa Park

10:30 P. M.—DST Queens' Coronation Ball

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Morning Services in All Churches

2:00 P. M.—EST—PARADE OF DRUMS ..... Neahwa Park
PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Drum and Bugle Corps Precision Competition
A colorful and spectacular demonstration of marching and playing skill by outstanding New York State Drum and Bugle Corps.
Judging by recognized officials of Drum and Bugle Corps competition.
Host Corp—Oneonta American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps

4:00 P. M.—EST—VESPER SERVICES (Interdenominational) ..... Neahwa Park
A plea for better understanding between peoples.
Services conducted by—
The Very Rev. Arthur A. Cunningham
Rev. James Alcock
Mister Jacob Galinn

8:30 P. M.—EST—3rd Showing of Mammoth Historical Spectacle
"It Happened in Oneonta" ..... Neahwa Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Salute to Our Youth

1:30 to 4:30 P. M.—Field and Track Events ..... Neahwa Park
Direction of E. C. Damaschke
Soft Ball Game
Bicycle Demonstration
Novelty Races
50 Yard Dash — 100 Yard Dash
Other Sports Events

8:30 P. M.—EST—Grand Finale—Mammoth Historical Pageant .... Neahwa Park

9:00 P. M.—EST—Block Dance ..... Main and Elm
Music by D'Imperio's 10 Piece Orchestra

10:00 P. M.—EST—Fireworks—Grand Finale ..... Neahwa Park
A Blaze of Color

Oneonta Diary

1748-1948

A chronological record which might have been made by a pioneer
and continued by his descendants
With some descriptive notations by the compiler
FRED M. H. JACKSON

— 1748 —

This section of Albany county is a vast forest with few clearings and no settlers have yet come in. Only occasional hunting parties of Indians appear during the hunting season. The Indian village, Wautega, at the mouth of the creek of the same name, has been deserted, although a few remain at the village on the Adaquetangie. The only white people who visit the region are traders, missionaries and emigrants on their way to Oghwaga and to points in Pennsylvania, by boat or trail.

— 1753 —

Rev. Gideon Hawley, a missionary, passed through on the old Indian trail, en route to Oghwaga, to establish a mission, June 2.

— 1769 —

Richard Smith, accompanied by a surveying party and Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea), passed down the river. On June 2 Brant returned to camp and reported that he had shot a bear on the Onoyarenton (Oneonta) creek, and that he saw some good flats there.

— 1770 —

The Wallace patent was granted.

— 1772 —

Tryon county was set off from Albany county. (The name was changed to Montgomery county in 1784.)

Henry Schramling brought his family from German Flats (to the western part of the present town). During the Revolution he returned to the Mohawk valley. He came again in 1786 and opened the first tavern in the town.

— 1775 —

Joachim Vanderwerker came and built a log house near the Neahwa park entrance. He soon left to enter the Colonial army, in which he served as a captain in Col. John Harper's regiment. At the close of the war he returned from Sharon, Schoharie county, by river, bringing parts for a mill, the first in this section. He erected the mill several rods above the present tail race.

— 1780 —

Aaron Brink came (and opened the first tavern within the present city limits, locating it near the present Elmore mills).

— 1782 —

Stoughton Alger came and settled at the Plains. (Where C. N. Bingham's farm is.)

Dorcas Vanderwerker was born, daughter of Joachim. (She was the first white child born within the present city.)

— 1785 —

Simeon Walling, a former soldier in Sullivan's army, settled here (and opened a tarern, site of the U. P. Church.)

Jacob Wolf came from the Mohawk valley.

James Young came and opened a tavern near the mouth of the Charlotte.

— 1786 —

John Young settled at the western end of the present town and opened a tavern.

Baltus Kimball came and opened a tavern, (east of the present Glenwood cemetery.)

Elias Brewer and Abraham Houghtaling came from Washington county.

David Young and Adrian Quackenbush came.

George and David Schramling came with their brother, Henry, when he returned from the Mohawk valley.

— 1790 —

Peter Swart and Thomas Morenus arrived and settled on the south side of the river.

The first school house was built. (Not far from E. L. Hall's residence on South Side.)

— 1791 —

Asel Marvin came from Vermont.

Otsego county was set off from Montgomery and included three towns. This locality was included in the town of Unadilla.

— 1792 —

Joseph McDonald settled at the Plains.

— 1793 —

Thomas Martin arrived to settle in town.

— 1796 —

The towns of Suffrage and Otego were set off from Unadilla. (Part of the present town of Oneonta was in each. The name of Suffrage was changed to Milford in 1800.)

The first town meetings in Otego and Suffrage were held.

Nicholas and James McDonald (father and brother of Joseph) settled at the Plains.

Lory Jencks arrived and opened a tavern (near the junction of the Morris and Laurens roads).

— 1798 —

Frederick Brown came from Fulton and settled on a farm (now the northwest corner of Main street and Ford avenue).

— 1800 —

Asa Emmons came from Vermont and settled on the south side of the river. (He afterward moved to the present Emmons.)

The Second Presbyterian church of Milford (now the First Presbyterian church of Oneonta) was organized Jan. 24. (A reorganization.)

— 1803 —

Elihu Gifford located in the town.

James Blanchard came from New England and located on the south side of the river. (He afterward moved over the mountain in Delaware county.)

— 1804 —

Jacob Dietz came from Schoharie county and Lawrence Swart also arrived and settled (on what is now the Wilcox flats).

David Yager came from Greenbush. (His father, Solomon, came a little later.)

Joseph Westcott came from the upper part of the town (Milford) and opened a store (near where the Main Street Baptist church stands).

Jacob VanWoert came from Albany and settled below the Plains.

— 1805 —

Joseph McDonald sold his store and tavern at the Plains to his brother, James, and came to the present city. He built a rude bridge over the river, whence came the first name of the settlement, McDonald's Bridge. He also built a grist mill, using parts of the old Vanderwerker mill.

— 1806 —

A road was laid out leading from the road running past Aaron Brink's tavern, and heading north. (Chestnut Street)

— 1807 —

Nicholas and James McDonald sold out the store and tavern at the Plains and came to the Bridge and bought out his brother, Joseph, who went west. At about this time he built a saw mill. (Now the hamlet had a new name, McDonald's Mills.)

Dr. Joseph Lindsay came from Massachusetts and was the first physician to locate here. (His house was at the southwest corner of Main and Grove streets. His professional duties in the small community were not onerous, and for years he carried the mail from Cooperstown to Delhi, passing through the McDonald's Mills settlement. He traveled on horseback, with the mail in saddlebags.)

— 1808 —

Andrew Parish came from Massachusetts and settled south of the river. (The next year he built a kiln on Elisha Shepherd's farm on the Plains and made the first brick used in this section.)

— 1810 —

James McDonald erected a frame building for a hotel. (The hotel was opened the following year and still stands at the corner of Main and River streets.)

— 1811 —

Timothy Sabin came to town.

— 1812 —

The first school house in the present city was built (on the site of the present Ford block). The seats and desks were logs split in half and supported by pegs of the proper height. (The building is now a wing of the house at 96 Chestnut street.)

Jacob Dietz bought the house and land of Michael Sherman (extending from the Department store to the corner of Dietz street).

— 1813 —

An act of legislature declared the Susquehanna river a navigable stream.

— 1815 —

Frederick Bornt came from Rensselaer county and settled on the Oneonta creek.

The Presbyterian church erected a meeting house, the first in the hamlet. (The society had heretofore held their meetings in the house and barn of Frederick Brown.)

— 1816 —

The bridge over the river went out in the big flood of this year, "the year without a summer." (There was a frost in every month.)

— 1817 —

Ira Emmons commenced to erect a stone house (east of Emmons. It was completed in 1821).

— 1820 —

Nathaniel Edmunds came and located south of the river.

— 1822 —

Eliakim R. Ford came from Greenville and opened a store where Joseph Westcott had been. (He may have bought that store.) He later moved the business to the corner of Chestnut street (where the Stanton block stands), and then to the site of the former Harvey Baker house, at the southwest corner of Main and River streets. Then in 1840 he again came up town and erected stone buildings, as shown hereinafter.) His brother, Aaron, came soon afterward.

— 1823 —

Rev. William Frasier became the first pastor of the Presbyterian church, the first settled minister in the village.

— 1828 —

David T. Clark settled here, south of the river.

— 1829 —

Dr. Samuel H. Case came here from Franklin.

The McDonald mills were bought by Collier and Goodyear.

The first Sabbath school in the village was organized July 20, by David T. Clark.

— 1830 —

The town of Oneonta was formed from parts of Otego and Milford and had a population of 1149. The name was given at the suggestion of Gen. Erastus Root of Delhi. (Oneonta is supposed to mean, "Where the rocks crop out," a name which the jutting ledges at East End and West End make appropriate.)

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized.

— 1831 —

At the first town meeting of the new town, March 1, Col. William Richardson was elected supervisor and Adam Brown town clerk.

Oneonta-Franklin Turnpike company chartered.

— 1832 —

Josiah Farmer came to reside here.

— 1833 —

John Reynolds came here from Kortright.

Edmund Meigs bought a house (which later became a part of the hotel opened by the Emmons Bros. and afterwards called the Susquehanna house).

— 1834 —

Potter C. Burton arrived in town from Rhode Island. (He was a skilled watchmaker and founded a jewelry house which is still continued by John A. Canning.)

William W. Snow is teaching school in the Emmons district.

Two streets have been opened: one leading from near the residence of Dr. Joseph Lindsay to the top of the hill; (now the lower end of Grove street) the other from the upper end of the other to the turnpike (Chestnut street) (and is now the northern end of Academy street).

The Charlotte turnpike was completed, from "Hotchkiss mills in the town of Harpersfield, where it joined the Susquehanna (or as locally known, the Catskill) turnpike," and came through Oneonta to Strait's Corners (West Oneonta).

— 1835 —

A Burr covered bridge was built over the Susquehanna river, the contractor being Col. William Richardson.

— 1836 —

The Oneonta Plains M. E. church was organized.

— 1838 —

Roderick J. Emmons erected a stone store (which still stands with several renovations and enlargements and is owned and occupied by the City drug store).

— 1839 —

William McCrum came from Hobart and learned the cabinet making trade of Robert W. Hopkins.

Dr. H. A. Hamilton has located here.

A new school house has been built across the road from the Baptist church, on Church (now Grove) street. It was built by W. W. Snow.

— 1840 —

Eliakim R. Ford moved up from lower Main street and bought the Frederick Brown farm. He built a stone mansion (site of the Wilber National bank block) and a store (site of the Ford block).

Solon Huntington arrived from Connecticut and has commenced the carriage making business. (His brother, Collis P., arrived a little later.)

Orrin Beach came from Jefferson and settled on the Plains.

The Weekly Journal, Vol. I, No. 1, was issued by William J. Knapp.

A new firm advertises: W. W. Snow and J. P. VanWoert, tin, sheet iron and stove business.

Andrew G. Shaw came from Butternuts and located here.

— 1841 —

Solon Huntington has built a stone store. (Later occupied by Mendel Bros.)

Timothy Sabin built a house on Main street. (Now a part of the Elks' building.)

Main street has been straightened by filling in the swamp.

— 1842 —

William S. Fritts erected a stone store on Main street. (Site of the Hazelton block.)

A flood in the river made it possible to reach the rear of the Main street buildings by boat.

— 1845 —

C. P. Huntington bought the Ira Carpenter house and lot (where the Physicians' building stands) and will occupy it with his mother. (The house was built in 1842.)

— 1847 —

A fire company has been organized and named Fire Engine company, No. 1, of which Collis P. Huntington was elected captain (and so became the fire chief of Oneonta).

— 1848 —

A special meeting was called on Oct. 14 to consider the incorporation of the village. The vote resulted, 66 for and 16 against. The first village election was held Dec. 2. Eliakim R. Ford, Hezekiah Watkins, William Bronson, William S. Fritts and Samuel J. Cook were elected trustees, and they elected Eliakim R. Ford the first president of the village.

— 1849 —

Collis P. Huntington and several others went to California.

— 1850 —

Samuel J. Cook is postmaster. He succeeded William S. Fritts. (The post office was on the site of the Oneonta Building and Loan Association.)

Some Early Settlers

Among many arrivals before the village was incorporated, whose dates of arrival are uncertain, are the following:

David Alger
Hugh Barr
John Beams
Nicholas Beams
Wilhelmus Beams
Jacob Blend
Erastus Cook
Anthony Crispall
Alpheus Cutting
Joseph Dietz
Peter & Ferrell Dinninny
Ephraim Farrington
David Fairchild
John Fritts
Ezra Gates
R. W. Hopkins
John Houghtaling
Samuel McCraney
Darwin Marvin
Edmund Meigs
Jacob Morrell
Simeon Mickle
William Morenus
Henry Osterhout
Josiah Peet
Asa Parish
J. T. Quackenbush
David Sullivan
Thomas Swart
Elisha & Hiram Shepherd
John Tanner
Elihu & Zachariah Ward
Jeremiah Walling
Anthony & Daniel White
S. & N. Whitney
Peter Winney (1826)
Joseph Young

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— 1851 —

The Albany & Susquehanna Railroad company was incorporated April 2 to build a railroad from Albany to Binghamton.

A large public meeting was held here in support of the proposed railroad.

Nelson and Sidney M. Ballard have bought the Otsego house for $2600. (A couple of years later they renamed it the Anglo Saxon house. When J. C. Tice bought it in 1868 he again changed the name to the Susquehanna house.)

— 1852 —

Dean & Brown are operating the tannery on the east bank of the lower Oneonta Creek. (In the building, or at least on the same site, as the tannery operated there by Sylvanus Smith in the early 1830's. It was there a slaughter house was operated in later years by market men.)

— 1853 —

Oneonta Herald, Vol. I, No. 1, issued Feb. 9.

William McCrum erected a cabinet warehouse. (Site of present Hoffman Cleaning & Pressing works.)

William H. Chase opened a select school.

D. M. Miller advertises to buy 50,000 sheep pelts.

— 1854 —

Joseph Walling built a brick house on the site of the old Walling tavern. (Site of U. P. church.)

Surveyors are busy locating route for A. & S. Railroad.

Proposition to raise $385 by tax for building reservoirs, repairing engine, buying lot for engine house and pipes and building engine house was defeated by taxpayers.

Misses Dietz conducting select school.

Legislature passed law enabling village to work the streets and levy tax for cost of same.

Joseph Marble advertises 150,000 brick at kiln on farm of Jacob Farrington, Sr. (The Farrington farm house is now 176 River street.)

Temperance mass meeting held with E. R. Ford, president of the day.

Republicans are organizing the new party in every county in the state.

A black bear was shot by David Walling in the woods about three miles north of the village.

Charles E. Fritts opens a select school. (He worked out the principle of sound motion pictures decades before anyone else could understand what he was talking about. He was born on the site of the present Dentists' building at 53-55 Chestnut street.)

— 1856 —

Republican club formed with Samuel J. Cook, former post master, president.

The Methodist church is being built.

Miss L. A. M. Hill, recently a teacher in Union college, has opened a select school, which she called the Oneonta High school. She employed two assistants. (She married Dr. Meigs Case.)

C. C. Stewart purchased the foundry of Harvey Baker. (On the east side of Main street, south of the present Neahwa place.)

— 1858 —

The new Free Will Baptist church was dedicated Jan. 20.

G. F. Bissell's patent ambrotype gallery open.

The trustees of the Presbyterian church gave an oyster supper at the hotel of J. M. Watkins, the proceeds to be used in repairing the church.

D. M. Campbell is teacher of ancient languages, German and mathematics in the Fergusonville academy.

Dr. Meigs Case, the distinguished professor of the Wisconsin Eye & Ear infirmary at Milwaukee, Wis.

C. Uebel's melodeon manufactury, nearly opposite Ford & Cope's stone store.

A new post office established at Oneonta Plains. Leonard Hathaway, the gentlemanly hotel keeper, is the post master.

Our village was visited by fire for the first time in 50 years. The house owned by Scott Bunn and occupied by William Bissell and brother, A. E. Bissell, on Chestnut street was burned. No engine, no hose, nor buckets nor organized fire company, nor anything to battle with the fire.

Another appropriation which our trustees

thought was needed to be raised for the protection of our homes and places of business from fire was voted down by our citizens.

Among the directors of the A. & S. railroad recently elected is E. R. Ford of Oneonta.

— 1859 —

The trustees passed a resolution allowing one day's highway labor to each person who will set out five good thrifty trees in front of his premises, outside the walk.

The Riverside Cemetery association formed.

Six stage routes from Oneonta: to Cooperstown and Fort Plain; to Utica via Morris; to Deposit via Unadilla; to Hancock via Franklin; to Catskill and Albany via Davenport; to Albany via Worcester.

Oneonta lodge, No. 466, F. & A. M., instituted June 20.

Headquarters of the 5th division, N. Y. S. M., changed from Worcester to Oneonta. S. S. Burnside, Major General.

The members of the newly formed militia company, Co. B, 41st regiment, assembled Dec. 2 and elected officers: Captain D. M. Miller; 1st Lt. D. J. Yager; 2nd Lt. L. P. Carpenter. By-laws prepared by George Snow were adopted and prohibit use of profane or indecent language and the use of tobacco or intoxicants by the members.

— 1860 —

A fire company has been organized, with Anthony White foreman.

The Riverside Cemetery association has secured for all time those beautiful grounds adjoining the Presbyterian church.

Co. B has rented the melodeon shop (site of Woolworth's store) for use as armory.

Mail being carried six times weekly from Unadilla, instead of tri-weekly as heretofore.

Veterans of 1812 invited to join the Fourth of July celebration of the 84th anniversary of our independence. Signed Col. William Richardson, commanding officer of Otsego and Delaware regiment.

Huldah McCraney died, alleged murder by her step-mother.

U. G. R. R. A family of eight negroes were passed from this place July 25 on the underground railroad toward Canada, by some philanthropic citizens.

Population of the town nine less than in 1855.

— 1861 —

Jan. 16. The most exciting topic of the day in our village is the secession movement in the South.

Maj. Gen. S. S. Burnside offered the services of the 5th division to Gov. Morgan, commander-in-chief.

The health-giving exercise of such a manly game as baseball is of itself a sufficient reason for its encouragement.

Oneonta citizens assembled en masse and raised a pole 105 feet from the ground. The Stars and Stripes were then run up. (June)

Alexander Brewer was the first Oneontan to enlist in the volunteer army.

A number of young men have left by stage for Albany, Schoharie and other places to enlist in the army. (Aug.)

The fast on Thursday was generally observed throughout the county.

A soldiers' relief society organized; Mrs. L. S. Osborn, president. (Mother of Aurelia Osborn Fox)

Frequent mention in Herald and vicinity papers, of soldiers who were killed or wounded in battle.

— 1862 —

Capt. S. M. Olin has about 30 men enlisted in this town for the district regiment.

The ladies of our village got up a very beautiful flag and presented it to Capt. Olin's company of volunteers.

The first locomotive for the A. & S. R. R. was put upon the road Sept. 29. Some two miles of track is laid and the engine will now prove of great service to the workmen.

Dietz street was continued from Willow brook to Brook (now Center) street.

The town voted at a special town meeting to pay bounties of $25 apiece to the first 25 volunteers; $25 apiece to the 19 volunteers already accepted in the cavalry; $75 apiece to the remaining number of volunteers up the number required by the President's call, to save the town from draft.

— 1863 —

Ground was broken in this village for the A. & S. R. R., late in June.

Rev. John Smith, pastor of the Baptist church in this village, was locked out of the school house in dist. 14 of Franklin. The electors of the district had forbidden meetings where abolition would be urged.

A force is at work digging down Barn hill for the railroad, and filling the swamp.

On the arrival of the first stage coach through from the A. & S. R. R., a cannon salute was fired under the direction of Col. Uebel. (Sept.)

The trustees of the district school have hired N. N. Bull and Delilah Sullivan to teach the coming winter.

Solon Huntington has run out a street from the head of Dietz street, running west to the road leading to Laurens past Gilbert Campbell's. (west end of Center street)

The site selected for the depot is 75 rods in rear of E. R. Ford's stone store. A road will be opened to the depot, running between Mr. Ford's store and William McCrum's dwelling house. The engine house and other buildings now on the space are to be removed.

Charles W. Lewis, late of Cooperstown, is now the host at the Oneonta house. (Site of the Stanton block)

The town voted at a special town meeting to pay $300 apiece to every man volunteering, up to the required number of 36; $300 apiece to every person who shall hereafter volunteer, to avoid a draft in town.

— 1864 —

The town voted at a special town meeting that $350 be paid every man volunteering, up to number of 31 men.

The Union flag staff which was raised in June, 1861, was taken down by our village authorities, who thought that life and property were endangered by its long standing. * * * We hope, trust and pray God that the falling of this flag staff to the earth may not be the foreshadowing of the fate of our glorious Union. (April)

At a formation of Co. B, 41st Regt., N. G. S. N. Y., in front of their armory at West Oneonta, Capt. M. N. Elwell said that 56 from the company have joined the Union army.

Center (now Church) street was laid out from Brook (now Center) street past the Methodist church to the turnpike (now Chestnut street).

The town voted at a special town meeting to pay to each volunteer a sum not to exceed $1000.

Draft made of 63 men to fill the ranks of Co. B.

Mendel Bros. bought the Huntington stone store and the dwelling house of Dr. H. A. Hamilton. (Now No. 49 Main street.)

— 1865 —

E. R. Ford moved the old marble shop across Main street to the vacant lot just west of his stone store and will fit it up for a drug store, which is to be occupied by his sons, Raymond L. and E. R. Ford jr.

The railroad bridge over Oneonta creek has been completed. It is a pile bridge 182 feet long.

William DeGraff of Richmondville and Harvey Baker of Oneonta have taken the contract to lay rails on the A. & S. R. R. from Richmondville to Oneonta.

April 10. Praise to God! Victory is ours! General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant yesterday.

(Paper dressed in mourning, heavy black column rules) A nation in mourning. President Lincoln is dead. The President died at 7·30, April 15. The report was received in this village last Saturday evening. Oh, how sad, the bells were tolled and the flag dressed in mourning and hung at half mast, and "mourners went about the street."

Population of the village is 744. Unadilla 835; Laurens 230.

"The 29th day of August, 1865, was a proud day for Oneonta." The first train on the A. & S. R. R. arrived.

A road is being laid on the south side of the track from Main street to the freight depot.

The poles are being set to the depot and the wire is being put up. The A. & S. R. R. telegraph will be pushed ahead as the railroad is completed.

— 1866 —

A resolution was passed at town meeting proposing a new county to be called Susquehanna, to be composed of the towns on the southern

tier of Otsego county, with the county seat to be at Oneonta.

A new hotel opened near the depot, Eagle hotel, John C. Tice proprietor. (Later the Hathaway hotel. Apart of that building is now the automobile salesroom and shop of C. E. Preston.)

The Bowen house, near the Free Will Baptist church, was moved off and Grand street opened. Elm street was opened, also Walnut street from Elm street to Dietz.

G. Z. Saunders and W. D. Bissell commenced erection of a brick block at the corner of Main and Dietz streets. (The present Laskaris block)

The last encampment of the old militia held in September. About 1,100 tents occupied. Gov. Fenton and staff were in attendance.

Passenger and freight depot at Emmons completed and is in charge of Z. H. Sloat.

The National Base Ball club of Oneonta was organized. Has grounds on the farm of James R. L. Walling.

— 1867 —

A special district school meeting voted to change School District No. 5 to Union Free School District No. 5. (The first free school district in county)

Henry Wilcox bought the Goodyear farm below the village.

— 1868 —

New school built on Academy street and school opened therein Oct. 26. W. F. Saxton principal and three grade teachers.

M. E. Church built on Chestnut street. (The old one was on the present Church street.) (Dedicated June 3, 1870.)

— 1869 —

The first coal train direct from Pennsylvania. Coal now $7 to $8 per ton, formerly $15.

The railroad stock owned by the town was sold to D. Wilber of Milford for $10,000. John Cope, supervisor, commenced suit to annul the sale.

The railroad commissioners were removed and Gen. S. S. Burnside and D. M. Miller were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The M. E. church received a bell direct from Troy. People should contribute, as a bell gives tone to a village.

E. R. Ford opened a new street, running north from Main street and parallel to Elm. (First called Hazel street, now Ford avenue.)

The locomotive, "E. R. Ford," that brought the first train into Cooperstown (July) is the one which took the first passenger train into Oneonta on the A. & S. R. R.

Constable X arrested Alderman Z; Which was drunkest?

— 1870 —

Several engines on the A. & S. R. R. were altered from wood- to coal burners.

The Brewer block was built by six men. (Now 305-317 Main street.)

John Amsden purchased the place owned by Mrs. Crosier (site now occupied by H. A. Lewis funeral parlors) and the Bennett blacksmith shop (now the Robert Jewelry).

Morris Bros. bought a lot and erected a flour and feed store on Chestnut street. (Site of Odd Fellows block.)

Over 20 houses are being built.

E. C. Hodge has invented a reversible plow and they are being manufactured by Ford Bros.

The A. & S. R. R. has been leased to the Delaware & Hudson Canal company. The lease has upon it $1,225 in revenue stamps.

E. R. Ford fenced out the grounds and set out trees for the extension of Center street from Dietz to Maple street.

More than half the wells in our village are dry as dust. People are carting water from the river for household purposes.

W. H. Couse, who lives on the J. I. Couse farm, has water running through pipes from a spring in the woods on the upper side of the road, direct to his house. (In later years he furnished water to many families at East End.)

Jay McDonald, H. J. Brewer and others erected a planing mill on the lot formerly occupied by the works of G. A. Tourjee. (Years later was occupied by Briggs & Miller.)

Timothy D. Watkins surveyed and laid out streets and lots on his farm, south of Chestnut street. (In the section around the present Watkins avenue.)

Work was commenced on the railroad round house. The contractor bought the entire stock of brick at the yard of Richards Brothers, Plains.

A. D. Dye rented a store in the Fritts building and opened a book store. (Later took as a partner Henry Saunders. Mr. Saunders succeeded the firm and conducted a book store for many years. Now Brackett's book store.)

Elm street was extended to its junction with Brook (now Center street) and is to be pushed on still further.

A new street has been opened from Main street to the railroad near Mickle & Moore's foundry. (Called Front street, now South Main.)

H. L. Luther and A. F. Wing have bought the Hopkins furniture & shops. (On site of the Windsor hotel.)

Horse sheds have been built in rear of the M. E. church.

R. Wesley Miller has gone into partnership with his father, under the firm name D. M. Miller & Son.

N. N. Bull succeeded W. F. Saxton as principal of the Union school.

The post master has added 24 new drawers to the facilities of the office. They will be let at $1 per year.

— 1871 —

S. J. Gile has the Soldiers' monument completed and moved to the reserved lot in Riverside cemetery.

Houses are being built in the new district below the round house. The new street is to cross from the turnpike (Chestnut street) to River street, near the residence of C. L. Michael. (Fonda avenue.)

The Episcopal church was duly organized according to law April 4.

Governor Hoffman signed the bill to amend the charter of Oneonta village.

At the first meeting of the trustees, under the new charter, Warren W. Gillett was elected president.

The old M. E. church has been repaired and partitioned into dwellings for three families. (Now on Hill Place.)

Ford & Cope's banking business is merged into the First National bank. John Cope president.

The cornerstone of St. James church was laid by Bishop Doane on June 26.

Post No. 119, G. A. R., was organized June 26. R. L. Fox commander.

The railroad will build a car shop 300 feet long this fall.

A fire company was organized. C. M. Hitchcock foreman.

Driven wells are getting to be plenty around town.

The school census shows that Oneonta has a population 1381.

A third rail has been laid the full length of the A. & S. and narrow gauge cars have been run over it.

C. A. Jones succeeds John D. Primmer as master mechanic.

Bodies are being removed from the Baptist cemetery, corner of Academy and Grove streets, to Riverside cemetery.

Cherry street has been opened.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias organized.

— 1872 —

VanWie Bros. sold their hardware store to Walter L. Brown of Albany.

The railroad station at Emmons has been closed.

The population of the village is now 1787, a gain of 406 in a year.

P. C. Burton has built a fine residence on Chestnut street. (Now the Christian Science church.)

Oneonta Union Agricultural society formed. Allen Scramling, president.

The trustees have thrown open River street, over three rods wide and straightened it to the western bounds of the corporation.

A. J. Gates erected a building on Broad street for a wagon shop. (Site of the Camp block.)

Forty new houses were built during the last half of the year in the lower part of the village.

— 1873 —

H. S. Morse takes charge of the A. & S. R. R. division with the title division superintendent.

David Wilber removed his bank and business from Milford to Oneonta and is located in the east side of Brown's hardware store. (Now Laskaris' store.)

A Mechanics Brotherhood has been organized. William Whyte, president.

E. D. Saunders and William McCrum erected a brick block at the corner of Main and Broad streets. (Now occupied by the Suntag drug store.)

Our village now has Hon. David Wilber, congressman elect.

Clinton street opened from Chestnut street to West street.

Milton Gurney, formerly of Laurens, has entered into a partnership with A. B. Tobey.

Green street opened. (Now Columbia street.)

David T. Clark died in June. He organized the first Sabbath school in this village June 20, 1829.

Ernst street opened. (Now Irving Place.)

A third story has been added to the Eagle hotel.

The railroad company has filled the swamp near the depot.

A stone jail 18 x 20 feet was built on land leased from Solon Huntington (rear of Windsor hotel). While still uncompleted it was occupied about June 20 by two prisoners.

The A. & S. introduced a plan of heating cars with steam from the locomotives. The railroad also added drawing room cars to the equipment.

A horse race was held on the track of the uncompleted fair ground.

Luther street and Burnside avenue were opened on the farm of Henry Wilcox.

A sidewalk was built on one side of Grand street.

A plank walk has also been built on the east side of Maple street. Through the wisdom of E. R. Ford maple trees had been set out on both sides of the street.

Col. W. W. Snow donated a quarter acre of land at the corner of West Broadway and Miller street for a school house.

The Oneonta Herald and the Otsego Democrat were bought from the owners by Johnson & Capron and united under the name Herald & Democrat.

Fair street was opened.

In view of the reduced wages of the railroad employees, Harvey Baker reduced rents on his properties. (The Oneonta Savings bank was organized, Harvey Baker, president.

The railroad company erected a board fence 8 or 10 feet high and from 50 to 100 rods long, beginning at the swamp and extending to the lower end of the lumber yard.

There are eleven saw mills between Oneonta and Maryland station.

— 1874 —

An injunction was served on L. H. Blend preventing his using the steam engine in his new planing mill next east of the Central hotel.

The blacksmith shop of Henry Sutherland, owned by Solon Huntington, was in rear of Moody & Vosburgh's hardware store. It caught fire one night while the watchman was away to quench his thirst, and was torn down by unknown persons, claimed by some to have been firemen from Binghamton.

Strait & VanDusen formed a partnership and leased from Goodyear and Baker the building formerly occupied by Mosher Bros.' wagon shop and the adjoining one once occupied by Harvey Baker, and will carry on a foundry and machine business.

George F. Entler of Franklin (later Dr. Entler) is the successor to Ed. E. Ford in Rockwell & Co.'s drug store.

Mrs. L. L. Bundy erected a brick building on Main street. (On site of the present Stevens Hardware block, and was later occupied by A. D. Rowe's drug store.)

The population of the village in 1865 was 744, and the number of dwellings 152. Six more than that number of buildings were erected during 1873.

Walter Scott of Norwich opened a grocery store on Main street, opposite the Rockwell block.

M. L. Keyes sold his interest in the mercantile business in Mt. Vision and now has a position in the First National bank of Oneonta. (He later became president of the bank.)

D. W. Ford purchased the plow interest in the Oneonta Manufacturing Co., and leased the foundry to C. C. Stewart, who casts the plows by the hundred.

B. H. Loring was appointed A. & S. agent at this station.

The Stanton & Rockwell block at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets was built, and was "dedicated" in September, Co. C, 10th Regt., of Albany being present for the ceremonies.

Water is now put into the Central hotel by a ram at the McCrum spring.

An eating house has been put into operation at the depot, J. L. Miller being the manager.

— 1875 —

C. A. Smith and Charles Smith (familiarly known as "Little and Big Charlie") have formed a partnership in the wholesale and retail tobacco business.

The First Separate company of the State militia has been organized, with Henry G. Wood, captain. The new company has its armory on the second floor of the Rockwell block, with Philander Lane armorer.

W. Morrell Potter succeeds S. M. Ballard in the Susquehanna house.

W. W. Darbee's bookstore across from the Rockwell block.—advt.

The trustees voted to install 15 gasoline street lights.

Parmalee's band has joined the 1st Separate company. They have been uniformed in the same style as the company except that the plumes on their hats are blue.

The Strait & VanDusen foundry on lower Main street burned to the ground. A. Winkler's shop next door was saved. (East side on Main street, below the present Neahwa Place.)

Croquet is all the rage at the Bissell grounds. (Back of the present telephone building and Carr Clothing Co.)

— 1876 —

The Catholics hold meetings about once a month in Blend's hall.

Iron bridges are being built on the A. & S. R. R.

The Wilber National bank has moved from Brown's store to the corner of Main and Dietz streets. (Site of the Citizens National bank.)

Oneonta Fire department formed. A steamer has arrived, which has been named the "Col. Snow." A steamer company, a hose company and a hook and ladder company have been formed. James H. Keyes was the first chief engineer of the department.

The D. & H. has leased its telegraph lines, extending five or six hundred miles, to the Western Union Telegraph company, for five years.

The removal of the third rail from Albany to Binghamton has been completed.

About four feet has been filled in at the lower end of Ford avenue and graded through to the bridge. Main street through the hollow was also filled in to correspond with the avenue, and a bridge built the full width of the street.

A football club has been organized in Oneonta.

A fire house to contain the engine, the "Col. Snow," has been completed. (On site of Municipal building.) Oneonta has the only steam fire engine in Delaware and Otsego counties.

The band gives concerts from the cottage above Lake Stewart. (A pagoda in the center of a pond beside James Stewart's residence. The pond was where the Penney store now is.)

Centennial Lodge, No. 447, I. O. O. F., constituted July 26.

Ransom Moffat resigned as lamp lighter and Emory Murdock was appointed to the position by the trustees, at a salary of $10 per month.

The First National bank has moved to the Bundy brick building vacated by the post office, which has moved to Henry Saunders' bookstore. (Where the Suntag store is, corner of Broad street.) (Dissatisfaction is expressed by citizens at the removal of the post office to a location so far up town.)

The Board of Education voted to adopt the Franklin readers in place of others now in use.

Harvey Barnes moved the building he uses for a cooper shop to a foundation extending over the creek. (From the land now a part of the post office property.)

Wages of the freight house workers have been reduced from $1.25 to $1 per day.

— 1877 —

The corporation tax has been set at 90 cents on each $100 assessment.

The Free Methodists will hold their services in a room on the second floor of the McCrum & Saunders block, instead of in the hall on River street, as formerly. (A two-store building of Harvey Baker was on the northeast corner of River street and Wilcox avenue.)

David X. Alger is called the great American well digger.

The trustees engaged A. C. Wolcott as night watchman and policeman for three months at a salary of $35 monthly. (This was the first regular policeman of the village.)

Rev. Sylvanus Smith, who recently died in Unadilla, was the first person baptised into the First Baptist church. He had a boot, shoe and leather manufactory where C. E. Bunn's slaughter house now stands. (Nearly across from the Bookhout funeral parlors but back nearly to the creek.

He lived in the house now 372-374 Main street.) Mrs. P. C. Burton was his sister.

Rev. Robert Boocock has accepted a call from Warren, Pa. If he is a good preacher and pastor, he has acted wisely, for as a doctor he seemed somewhat of a failure. (He was a homeopathist.)

Smith Bros. & Gilchrist are in their new store in the Huntington block.

Willard Huntington has sold his insurance business to James B. Camp.

Dr. O. W. Peck purchased W. W. Alton's house for $2200. (Now Dr. Parish's residence.)

William McCrum has built a three-story brick block to be occupied fully by McCrum & Son for their extensive furniture business. (Now 208 Main St.)

The target of the 1st Separate company has been located on Erastus Moffat's farm.

The trustees have had the reservoir in the Baptist church yard cleaned out and repaired. They have also located three others: corners of Maple and Walnut, Church and Cherry, Chestnut and West. They will hold 1800 gallons each.

The Centennial Hose company has changed its name to Lewis Hose company, in honor of A. C. Lewis.

The organization of the Y. M. C. A. has been completed. Meetings will be held in the front room on the second floor of the McCrum & Saunders building.

A new office has been built for Master Mechanic C. A. Jones. H. C. Stratford, bookkeeper; I. D. Bullock, telegraph operator and oil man; and W. H. Brown, timekeeper, have desks there.

Extended meetings of the Murphy blue ribbon movement have been held in Lyceum hall. (In the McCrum & Saunders building.) About 700 signed the pledge.

N. I. & E. R. Ford have dissolved their drug firm. N. I. Ford will continue the business. E. R. Ford has bought Frank Latson's drug store.

Railroad strike. 1st Separate company ordered to be in readiness for a call.

The appliance invented and manufactured by Dr. Meigs Case for the cure of spinal curvatures is gaining a wide reputation.

The typewriter has arrived in Oneonta and may be seen at the office of Dr. Meigs Case on Dietz street.

A plank walk has been laid on the east side of Dietz street, from Center to Walnut street.

William Edmunds was elected superintendent of the Mission Sabbath school held on Fonda avenue, to succeed E. R. Waelde, who has moved to Schenevus.

Militia companies will hereafter hold numbers according to rank in the state, instead of in the division as heretofore. The Oneonta company will now be the 3rd Separate company, N. G. S. N. Y.

J. B. Cleveland has purchased Dr. G. W. Blend's stock of drugs. (In stone store now the City Drug store.

— 1878 —

William Dietz sold his interest in the furniture store on Chestnut street to Addison M. Barnes. (Site of the Windsor hotel.)

The Cottage hotel has been granted a hotel license. (It had been opened as a saloon, in the next building south of the above mentioned furniture store.)

Irving P. Doolittle and J. G. Petrie, builders, have leased the shop recently vacated by D. W. Brainerd. (Site of the post office.)

Henry Buckley has rented the room recently occupied by the Herald & Democrat, for a shirt factory. (Site of the Otsego Laundry building.)

Fair street has been accepted by the trustees.

Fire on Miller street. Harrison White, a fireman, jumped from a wagon when endeavoring to reach the scene and was so badly injured that he died four hours later.

Will. H. Shellman bought out the interest of his partner, J. S. Massett, in the carriage manufacturing business.

Trim (M. B.) Williams started up a milk route, selling milk at 4 cents a quart. Rivals went a cent better.

S. J. W. Reynolds has bought the Oneonta Press from his father, G. W. Reynolds. (And three months later sold it to W. H. Jefferson & Co.)

Telephones are now all the go. Several parties have lines in operation. Common twine is often used, with lamp chimneys as speaking tubes.

W. D. Bissell and D. J. Yager, who recently dissolved partnership, both sell D. & H. coal.

The lower school (on West Broadway) opened with Mr. Paine superintendent.

The Forest King, by Hervey Keyes, is on sale at Saunders' at 12 cents.

E. M. Johnson is erecting a building on the lot adjoining the Engine house, for residence and business purposes.

A plank walk has been placed on the east side of Elm street.

Kerosene lamps are now used in the D. & H. passenger cars in place of candles as heretofore.

The D. & H. freight house burned Nov. 1.

— 1879 —

The Universalist church was dedicated in January.

Charley Youngman opened a milk route and sold milk at 3 cents a quart.

The Herald & Democrat has moved into the new Johnson building. (Site of the Fairchild block.)

Fred Halsey of Unadilla has made a business engagement with C. C. Stewart. He is a skillful mechanic, having graduated from the mechanical department of Cornell university. (Later became a noted historian.)

Academy street has been lowered between Chestnut and Grove streets, from six inches to four feet.

Bunn & Ehle have dissolved. The market will be conducted hereafter by Charles E. Bunn.

The proposition to build a court house here was rejected by the board of supervisors, 20 to 3.

West Broadway was accepted by the trustees.

Three-fourths of the wells in town are dry.

Capt. Wood has been ordered to detail 60 men from the 3d Separate company to act as military guard at the hanging of Myron A. Buel at Cooperstown.

Judson W. Mann, engineer, and James Dwyer, fireman, were killed in a wreck on the D. & H.

J. O. Voorhees has established a shop on Dietz street. He makes 500 boxes a week for the three cigar manufacturers in this place.

G. W. Fairchild was elected village clerk, on the Democratic ticket.

D. A. Boardman has moved his harness shop from West Oneonta to this place.

Luzerne Westcott of Portlandville has leased S. M. Olin's property on Maple street, and engaged with D. Wilber & Son, hop dealers, to succeed H. N. Rowe, who will lay off for a year.

I. P. Doolittle, J. G. Petrie and E. H. Wright have purchased all the buildings of the Oneonta Manufacturing company on Broad street, with all machinery, patterns, etc., for $5500. They will add a saw and grist mill. For the present the foundry will be leased to responsible parties. (It was soon leased to C. C. Stewart.)

There are seven secret societies in Oneonta.

L. S. Emmons has bought of D. W. Ford his interest in the head cutter business and patterns.

W. H. Barker caught 34 trout in the reservoir in rear of the Engine house.

Burr Mattice has been admitted as an attorney and has entered into partnership with Gen. S. S. Burnside.

Cashier E. A. Scramling has bought the Dr. E. D. Pope house on Dietz street. (Now No. 53 Dietz street.)

— 1880 —

E. G. Bixby has purchased the interest of A. J. Whitney in the tobacco and cigar business of Spaulding & Whitney.

Ambrose Bissell succeeds Mr. Bixby in the A. & S. baggage room.

The Oneonta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been organized. T. S. Mears, president.

M. G. Connell of Westford has bought a house on Ford avenue (No. 38) and the blacksmith shop on Broad street. (That building was the original fire company headquarters.)

Henry Wilcox proposes a bridge on Main street, over the railroad.

An Oneonta carpenter (J. G. Petrie) wanting an extra fine hammer, sent to Scotland, his native land, to have one sent to him. In due time it arrived and was the kind he wanted. It bore the trade mark, D. Maydole, Norwich, N. Y.

J. Harrison Collins was elected night policeman at a salary of $30 per month, and E. W. Murdock, lamp lighter, at a salary of $15 per month.

C. P. Huntington built a handsome house on the lot lately occupied by the residence of Solon Huntington, at a cost of some $7000. (Now the Huntington library.)

Engineer J. H. Ostrander died from injuries received when his engine overturned.

Parker Wilson has bought the Oneonta-Delhi stage route.

Rev. H. Brotherton and Irving Carr have bought the Smith Bros. grocery.

The miserable practice of tolling bells announcing deaths is still kept up.

The Knights of the Maccabees have organized a tent, with George Kirkland, commander.

The population of the village is 3004, an increase of 400 in five years.

A very small number of smallpox cases has caused great excitement for several weeks.

J. Lee Tucker, district census enumerator, has received applications from 1500 applicants for 200 or 300 enumerators. C. W. Lewis, Burr Mattice and W. H. Peck have been appointed for Oneonta.

The Broad street blacksmith shop is being raised one story. The upper floor will be occupied by Benjamin Beach for the manufacture of carriage bodies. (Oneonta Grocery Co. site.)

The D. & H. car shop at Schenectady, a building 120 x 60 feet, taken down and moved to this village and put up again.

A new cattle yard has been established by the railroad in Oneonta. (To care for cattle in transit.)

The state board of regents has inaugurated a system of issuing academic graduate diplomas. Only 12 have been issued, three to Oneonta Union school graduates: Reed Saunders, Emmons Sanford and Cassius Phillips.

The trustees have cut down the hill below Cape Horn (vicinity of Chestnut street and Fonda avenue) and widened the road.

There are 205 mechanics employed in the D. & H. shops.

A survey has been made for the proposed water works.

Harvey Baker's store on River street burned (on the north side of River street, near corner of Wilcox avenue).

E. W. Bennett was appointed janitor of the Union school building at a salary of $4 per week.

The cigar makers have formed a union.

Thomas Willahan bought the store occupied by Pat. McGuire as a restaurant.

— 1881 —

Dr. S. H. Case was elected president of the Charlotte Turnpike Bridge company.

A new street from Broad street to Main street has been surveyed. It runs along the bluff and much of the land was given by Harvey Baker. (Now Market street.)

The bill granting a new charter to the Oneonta Water Works company has been signed by the Governor.

Mrs. S. Scott has opened a greenhouse on Grove street. (Now the Wyckoff greenhouses.)

Col. W. W. Snow resigned as water commissioner and George I. Wilber was elected in his stead. The commission is obtaining rights of way from the source of the Oneonta creek to Main street.

The post office safe was taken by robbers and carried to the corner of Dietz and Walnut streets and blown open.

The D. & H. company has bought the Scramling property near the shops, about 50 acres, for $200 per acre. The new round house will be built soon.

W. H. Bush succeeds Theodore F. Judd as general secretay of the Y. M. C. A.

The stores of Bristol & Reynolds, N. I. Ford, T. Willahan and M. L. S. Jackson were destroyed by fire. (They were at once rebuilt by the Ford Estate, N. I. Ford, T. Willahan and Dr. L. E. Ireland and are now Nos. 190-202 Main street.) The Collins building, occupied by James Roberts' grocery, was damaged.

Tommy White, night operator, is assisting F. O. Adams, day operator and D. & H. agent.

Work has been commenced on the reservoir of the water works.

— 1882 —

W. M. Potter & Co. has secured entire possession of the manufacturing property of Wright, Petrie & Co. and will continue the business.

The gas plant in operation and gas lights first seen in Oneonta Jan. 17.

There are 53 stores and markets, 15 millinery and dressmaking establishments, 27 mills and factories, 31 other places of business, 9 doctors, 11 lawyers, 11 teachers and 600 children in the public schools, 76 streets and a population of approaching 3700.

L. B. Lennon has taken as a partner in the hardware business, T. W. Stevens, who came from Canton.

Less than ten years ago there was not a house on Luther street.

A. S. Miles moved his livery stables to the shop of A. J. Gates on Broad street. (Site of the Camp block.)

O. M. Hughston has leased the Susquehanna house and Martin McLain has leased the Central hotel. Both men are from Norwich and both have served as county treasurer of Chenango county.

M. L. Keyes moved into the Col. W. W. Snow house, which he bought some time ago. (Corner of Chestnut and West streets.)

— 1882 —

Bristol & Morehouse have opened a grocery store in the new block on Broad street. (Now The Star building.)

Blanks for the registration of births, deaths and marriages have just been furnished the town officers. The law requiring registration went into effect May, 1880.

Among buildings now under way are: residence for W. H. Morris (site of parochial school), Frank Gould (corner of Ford avenue and Walnut street), C. C. Howard (now 59 Ford avenue), Peter Weidman (now 67 Church street), Rev. A. Reynolds (now 28 River street), J. S. Smith (now 1 Center street).

S. C. Niles opened a steam laundry on Broad street.

A disastrous fire with a loss of about $60,000, in May. (From the site of the Oneonta Building & Loan association to the site of the I. O. O. F. building; also large barns, a house and the village lock-up in rear of the stores, and Cottage hotel.)

A hose company of about 70 employees of the railroad has been organized at the shops.

W. L. Brown raised the roof of the old Timothy Sabin house and added another story. (Now part of the Elks clubhouse.)

Oneonta chapter, No. 277, Royal Arch Masons, instituted.

Morris Bros. erected a brick building on the site of the one recently burned. (The I. O. O. F. building.)

A lodge of the Order of Railway Conductors has been organized, R. A. Mead, C. C.

The stone lock-up is to be 20 x 24 feet. (Now in use.)

Rain and flood washed out the uncompleted reservoir of the water works.

The Bonanza Sand company has been organized for the sale of sand from the Amsden sand bank. (In rear of Lewis' funeral parlors.)

The telephone office of the Oneonta division of the Mohawk Valley Telephone & Telegraph company was opened June 9. 27 instruments are now located.

A. J. Curley is leader of the opera house orchestra.

Scott & Hecox have sold their carpenter shops on lower Main street to Aaron Houghtaling & Co.

Tobey & Gurney and W. L. & R. Brown built a three story 30 foot extension to their block at the corner of Main and Dietz streets, which they occupy. (Larkaris block.)

Telephone communication is now open to West Oneonta. Phone in hotel of O. N. Beach.

The trustees decided to have a sewer constructed. One vote was recorded for the proposition, all others not voting.

A fire in the foundry of W. Burdick & Co. on Sept. 6 was extinguished by aid of a hose from a Broad street hydrant, the first test of the new water system.

There are two baseball teams, the Clios and Climbers, both named from C. A. Smith & Co.'s cigars.

The new street leading from Church street to the sand bank has been named Wilcox street. (Now Reynolds avenue.)

The town board passed a resolution to establish a third election district, with the polling place in West Oneonta.

— 1883 —

The Plains Cemetery association has been reorganized. The cemetery has been sadly neglected for many years.

At least a quarter of the population of the village have had the measles during the past winter.

Bricklaying has commenced on the new hotel.

A building is being erected at the corner of South and Front streets. (Prospect street was called South street beyond Front street.)

Rev. J. H. Maney comes to Oneonta to minister to the Catholics.

Pine street has been opened.

Several fine old maple trees have been cut down to prepare for the erection of Lewis & Roberts' building. (The Union block.)

The Brotherhood of Railway Brakemen was organized here Sept. 22. The lodge here is to be called the Oneonta grand lodge.

George I. Wilber Hose organized.

Stanton & Rockwell have erected a 2-story brick building at the corner of Main and Grove streets. (Now the Salvation Army barracks.)

The new Baptist church has been built on Grove street with the old church attached to the rear. (Now the Lutheran church.)

Handsome iron gates have been placed at the entrance of Riverside cemetery.

C. A. Smith & Co. manufactured over 2¼ million cigars in 1883.

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Oneonta Centennial Committee

presents

"It Happened in Oneonta"

A Stirring Spectacle of Oneonta History

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Neahwa Park

September 24-25-26-27, 1948

Performance Time 8:30 P. M.

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A John B. Rogers Production

Staged and Directed
by
KEN RENE

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Promotional Direction
by
WALLACE D. LAFFERTY

Script and Scenario
by
MRS. FLORENCE FORD COLLINS

"It Happened in Oneonta"

A Stirring Spectacle in Nine Episodes

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PROLOGUE

Colorful drill groups appear on our field to form a Court of Honor. The queen and her ladies advance toward us through an avenue of flags. Our visitors are greeted and the queen commands that the story of Oneonta be told.

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EPISODE NO. 1—Indian Ballad

A colorful ritual dance is presented in an Indian Encampment. Indian Council—The banks of the Susquehanna have known the presence of many generations of Indian Tribes. Our story opens after the Algonquins have left the region, being replaced by the more war-like Iroquois members of the Indian Confederacy.

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EPISODE NO. 2—The Sword Becomes a Plowshare

Joachim Vanderwerker—Revolutionary War Captain who served with Col. John Harper in the winning of America—returned to a log house he had built before the war. The soldier becomes a miller and the first resident of our city.

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EPISODE NO. 3—A Home in the Wilderness

Many settlers came from German Flats to live; farm the land and to establish a Community. In later years when other avenues of approach opened the people who formed Oneonta, arrived from the New England States. However, our earliest settlers were of German or Hollandish stock. Many names are remembered. James McDonald who arrived in 1810. His brother, Joseph, who built a rude bridge over the river five years earlier. Aaron Brink built his home and remained in 1780. They built their homes and worked in close cooperation. In friendly effort began the building of a city.

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EPISODE NO. 4—In God's Service

Ours is a region rich in tradition and seeped with the folklore of America. As early as 1811, the first school was started here and a short five years later in 1816, the first church was raised. The building of this house of worship included more than the simple payment of funds, for those who lacked the capital gave freely of the toil of their hands that the steeple of God's House might point to the heavens. When the building was completed, it represented the true beginning of a city, for now men could gather in a work of their own creation and raise their voices in thanksgiving.

"It Happened in Oneonta"---Continued

EPISODE NO. 5—Dearly Beloved

Outstanding in service to his Community, Eliakim Reed Ford arrived in 1822 and became affectionately known as the "Squire." Squire Ford held many civil offices and was the first president of the village. He was the father of ten children—all of whom served their City and their Country. In 1829 Annette Ford married Timothy D. Watkins.

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EPISODE NO. 6—Civil War

The Burnside Guards commanded by Major Gen. S. S. Burnside whose jurisdiction extended over ten counties, was organized in 1860 and supplied many of the men who left for the great conflict that threatened to tear the Union apart. A flag was made by the ladies of our City and was presented to Captain Sackett on the deparure of the company.

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EPISODE NO. 7—Railroad

The close of the Civil War brought a long-cherished dream to the young City. The Railroad had reached Cobleskill and the officials were undecided about the continuance.

A large sum of money was raised by public subscription. Squire Ford and Jared Goodyear pledged their entire fortunes that the Railroad might come to Oneonta. It was a great day when the first train appeared. Engine No. 1 was named E. C. Delevan for the president of the road. Engine No. 2 was named E. R. Ford.

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EPISODE NO. 8—The Gay 90ties

The coming of the Railroad increased our population, our manufacturing interests and exhilarated the tempo of our trade. It was not only an era of progress but a time of lighthearted freedom. It was the day of the horseless buggy—the merry widow hat. ("I love my wife but oh, you kid")

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EPISODE NO. 9—The 20th Century

The turn of the Century showed the realization of all the plans of the young City. In 1905, the State Normal School was organized here. The Railroad continued to expand its holdings and the Round House, built in 1888, was the largest in the world. The Veterans of the Spanish-American War played prominent parts in our civic life.

In 1917, Oneonta again sent its sons in belief of its principles. Hartwick College was built in 1928. In the years that followed—our baseball, football and athletic teams of various natures obtained prominence.

We salute Veterans of World War 2.

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FINALE

Oneonta is proud of its heritage. We have many churches and we are a progressive Community, dedicated to the continuance of service to our neighbors, in cooperative friendly effort within our City. Originally, we came from many parts of the Country but here we have joined hands to develop a City—of unified effort and freedom.

1948 Facts About Oneonta

Population 12,069 (est)
- Native born 92.4%
- Foreign born 7.0%
- Colored .06%

Area, 2,420 acres

Altitude, 1,323 feet

Temperature
- Dec.-Feb. Max. 32.3
  Min. 17.5
- May-Aug. Max. 78.6
  Min. 56.4

Rainfall, 38 inches

Incorporated a town 1830
City Charter granted 1908
Assessed valuation $18,853,139
Tax rate $33.50
- City tax 8.35
- School and Library 15.15
- State-County 10.00

Water Tax: 30c per 1000 gal. (max.)

Dwellings: 3,840

Telephones: 6207

Churches: 17

Newspapers: 1 morning daily
- Area circulation 13,362

Financial institutions:
- 2 Banks
- 1 Building and Loan Association
- 2 Small Loan Companies

Hotels: 4 with 350 rooms
- 9 Tourists homes

Rail Service:
- Delaware & Hudson R. R.
- New York Central R. R.

Trading Area: 30 mile radius

Trading Population: 70,000

Manufacturing establishments: 14

Entertainment Facilities
- Professional Baseball
- 2 Movie Theatres
- 3 Auditoriums
- 4 Public Parks
- 1 YMCA Indoor Pool
- 1 Outdoor Public Pool
- 1 Public Library
- 1 Golf Course

Schools:
- 2 Colleges
- 1 Senior High School
- 1 Junior High School
- 6 Grade Schools
- 1 Parochial Grade School

ONEONTA
City of the Hills

In Memoriam

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR—1898-1902

Pvt. William Ackert
Pvt. Charles F. Carter
Pvt. George D. Peet
Pvt. John V. Springsteen
Pvt. Burton Woodbeck

WORLD WAR 1—1917-1918

Pvt. Otis J. Bailey
Pvt. Devillo A. Carr
Pvt. Walter H. Coburn
Pvt. Edward H. Dyer
Pvt. Clyde H. Farrington
Cpl. Earl R. Gardner
Pvt. Michael George
Cpl. Charles N. Hopkins
Pvt. Clarence Hotchkiss
Pvt. Charles S. Jennings
Pvt. John G. Jones
Cpl. Dutcher J. Parshall
Sgt. Elbert N. Patten
Pvt. Clifford L. Rorick
Pvt. Joseph Ryan
Pvt. Charles L. Saxton
Nurse—Ethel Scatchard
Pvt. Jason Shiland
Pvt. Claude Silvernail
Sgt. Charles R. Slavin
Pvt. Harold F. Turner
Pvt. Howard Wright

WORLD WAR 2—1941-1945

Pfc. Anthony Amitrano
Sgt. Walter F. Baron
Pfc. Frank E. Bond, Jr.
Pfc. Lester C. Borst
Pvt. John F. Brienza
T/Sgt. Daniel J. Brown
1st Lt. Richard C. Brown
Pfc. John F. Bruce, Jr.
Sgt. William D. Cargill
Cpl. Robert C. Caulkins
Pvt. Herbert P. Cawley
Cpl. Lewis J. Cope
2nd Lt. William W. Dana
Maj. Emerson H. Dedrick
2nd Lt. William F. Drew
S/1/c Joseph F. Durkin
Pvt. Allen B. Every
Pvt. Joseph F. Fitzgerald
Pvt. Harry W. Georgeson
Lt. JG John E. Goodrich
MM 1/c George Grosse
Pvt. Robert T. Hardy
S/Sgt. Frederick R. Heck
1st Lt. David W. Hodges
2nd Lt. Fred D. Hodges
Maj. James W. Imhoff
T/Sgt. Kenneth A. Jeffers
1st Lt. Owen J. Jones
Cpl. Henry N. Kopf
WT 2/c Harry G. Lockwood
Pfc. Irving C. Lockwood
Pvt. Donald R. MacIntyre
S/Sgt. Henry E. Markle
Pfc. Ralph T. Marino
Capt. Lloyd G. Mayo
Sgt. Frances D. McGinley
Pfc. William W. Merrihew
Pfc. John A. Miller
Pfc. William G. Moody
Sgt. Ivan G. Nichols
Pvt. James Nilo
Pvt. Ford B. Oldes
Cpl. George Pappageorge
Sgt. Earle W. Patnode
AOM 3/c David E. Pelham
Pfc. Douglas L. Platt
T/Sgt. Ernest S. Price
T/5 Edward P. Reynolds
S 1/c Earle J. Robinson
S 1/c Victor Ronovich
S/Sgt. Nicholas C. Rosher, Jr.
S/Sgt. Robert C. Schaffer
Pfc. Frank Smith
Sgt. Richard C. Smith
Pfc. Henry J. Spargo
S/Sgt. Joseph H. Speranzi
S/Sgt. Chandler S. Spoor
S/Sgt. Louis S. Super
Sgt. Earle E. Sutliff
S/Sgt. Francis E. Waterman
S/Sgt. Edward J. Wells
1st Lt. David F. Wilber
1st Lt. Gilbert L. Wright

An Expression of Appreciation

Thank You!

When a community undertakes to proudly celebrate its 100th birthday since its inception as an incorporated village, and to fittingly commemorate the deeds of those who played a part in its founding and development, nothing is more important than the willingness of public-spirited citizens to accept individual responsibility and to offer their best in cooperation and sacrifice. Of almost equal importance is the willingness of the organized groups to lend the sonstructive force of combined effort.

When the preparation period comes to a close and the celebration itself is being enjoyed, the two little words, "Thank you", sound inadequate.

However, because it is so justly deserved, we take this means of sincerely expressing our appreciation to the following:

Our subscribers whose financial contributions made the celebration possible deserve first thought.

Our committees who served so loyally; the organizations which sponsored various events and activities; the members of the cast of "It Happened In Oneonta" who have made it possible to present the pageant-spectacle; to all these we extend our thanks.

There are many individuals not mentioned in this program to whom we owe thanks. Our Centennial Headquarters staff worked long and tirelessly. To this loyal group we say "Thank You". Sharing in our gratitude is a score of volunteer workers who gave freely of their time. Membership of many fraternal, religious, civic, veteran and social groups assisted in making our daily programs possible.

Our Queen and her Court of Honor contestants, our Patrons and Patronesses, the merchants who gave window space for antique displays and decorated their building fronts, those who entered floats and other units in the parades, the Boy Scouts who distributed publicity material and to all others, too numerous to mention, who aided in making our Centennial a success, we sincerely say . . .

Thank You!

Oneonta Centennial Commission

Harry J. Miles

N. Kenneth Mac Ewen,
Co-Chairmen

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— 1884 —

The name of the Herald & Democrat has been changed to The Oneonta Herald.

William Murphy was arrested for keeping a disorderly house on Williams street. (Behind the "big board fence" of the D. & H.)

The houses and business places are being numbered.

Al. Hathaway and William Bronk are now the proprietors of the Hathaway house.

The Governor has signed the bill appropriating $9000 for an armory in Oneonta.

Grand old maple and locust trees are being cut down between McCrum's and The Herald office.

Harvey Sage has taken down the old log house on his farm on Upper West street.

Bread 4 cents a loaf, eggs 14 cents a dozen, potatoes 15 cents a bushel and butter 22 cents a pound make the boarding house keeper smile.

Windsor hotel was opened May 29 by Potter & Fleming.

The drug store of George E. Moore, late of Unadilla, opened in the Union block.

Two skating rinks built: One on Mechanic street on the DuBois property, with entrance through the basement room formerly occupied by Jackson, the colored barber (Columbian rink); the other on the Stevens lot on Dietz street. (The Metropolitan rink, site now a part of Huntington park.)

School census taken by the president of the board of education, D. J. Yager, shows the population of the village to be 4518.

Powhatan tribe, No. 51, Improved Order of Red Men, was instituted.

F. G. Bennett has taken his former grocery partner, Al. W. Carr, into partnership in the clothing store.

The railroad company has built gates at the Main street crossing, which will be let down while trains are passing.

The new armory is to be built on the Curtis lot, corner of Academy and Fairview streets.

The first annual convention of the B. of R. B. has been held here, with representatives present from 32 lodges from 13 states. Headquarters will be moved to Chicago next April.

Grave robbery. A body stolen from the Milford Center cemetery by medical students was, through fear of detection, thrown from a sleigh, and was found at the bottom of the bluff at the edge of the Chestnut street swamp.

Howe Bros. of Schenevus move their extensive marble business to Oneonta. (Founders of the business now conducted by Dauley & Wright.)

— 1885 —

Guy Table company organized. They will occupy the old Columbian rink.

Thomas Doyle and Charles Smith formed a partnership for the manufacture of cigars.

C. C. Swift is now general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

New village charter signed by the Governor.

William Scott and N. H. Briggs formed a partnership as contractors and builders and have rented the shop formerly occupied by D. W. Brainerd. (Site of post office.)

Reynolds & Wilcox have erected a two-story brick building on the lot next east of The Herald building. (Site of the Butts block. The building was similar to the present Salvation Army barracks.)

C. E. Ford has received a Facile bicycle (little wheel ahead.) Mr. Ford, P. R. Young and C. W. Peck attended a bicycle tournament at Binghamton.

The D. & H. freight house was destroyed by fire. This is the second one destroyed by fire on the same site. A new one of brick will be built on the north side of the track.

Corner stone of the armory was laid by the grand master of Masons May 18. 18,000 people present.

The Catholic church was dedicated. The first wedding in the church was solemnized the same day, when Oliver Carson and Kate McPherson were married.

Gault avenue has been opened.

M. F. Butterfield opened his candy store in the new Wilcox building. (Site of Butts block.)

The corporation frog pond, erstwhile a reservoir in rear of the Engine house, has been filled up with dirt taken from the excavation to the new engine house addition.

Charles Southworth will remain in the telephone office nights. When calls come in, an electric bell will ring until the operator awakes and responds.

Forbidden by the trustees: Snowballing on Main street, between Maple street and the railroad crossing, and on certain parts of Chestnut, Academy and Grove streets.

— 1886 —

The Metropolitan rink has been remodeled as a theatre and was opened in January.

Another big fire: six buildings, from James Stewart's store building to the First National bank building.

Albert Morris built a brick house at the corner of Maple and Walnut streets. (Now 43 Walnut.)

The Governor signed a bill amending the village charter. Fire limits can now be established.

The Kibbe hotel at East Oneonta burned March 22.

The 3rd Separate company took possession of the new armory in March.

Hayes & Potter, a new firm for manufacturing cigars.

On Sunday a gang of fifteen or twenty young men indulged in a ball game on the flats south of the gas works. Ballplaying on the Sabbath has become quite common in this village and it is about time a quietus is put upon it.

The names are being taken off from the engines on the D. & H. The engines will hereafter be known by their numbers.

Myrtle avenue has been opened.

S. C. Niles has bought the old rag room building of Moody & Gould (site of Enders store) on Broad street, and has moved his laundry there, from the Potter building.

Glenwood cemetery association has been formed and the J. W. Jenks farm has been purchased. (The cemetery was dedicated in Oct.)

Franklin street, a new street from West street to Harmon avenue, will be extended to Church street.

Westcott block built. Town clock installed by subscription, the tower being built by the Westcotts.

— 1887 —

E. & M. Krohn have rented the store vacated by Joseph Price, who removes to Socorro, N. M.

The new brick church of the M. E. society was dedicated January 12.

E. P. Russell has rented D. W. Ford's residence on Dietz street for a conservatory of music. (Site of Dr. Spear's residence.)

The Oneonta Spy commenced publication under direction of G. W. Reynolds. (A former editor of The Herald.)

The water company is laying pipes from J. R. L. Walling's property to the corner of Fourth street. The territory east of Fourth street is to be supplied from the large spring of W. H. Couse.

Hudson street has been laid out.

The Oneonta Water Works company has let a contract for the construction of a storage reservoir on Richardson hill.

M. B. Williams has introduced into Oneonta H. D. Thatcher's system of delivering milk in pint and quart flint glass bottles.

A new daily paper made its bow, The Oneonta Local. (It ran only three months.)

The chair factory will be located on the former Erastus Couse farm.

Knitting mill to be located on West Broadway, opposite the school house.

A. E. Ceperley and Charles Gardner start a new laundry. (Developed into the present Otsego Laundry Co.)

The academic department of the Union school graduated the largest class in its history—twelve members.

J. O. & G. N. Rowe have started a wholesale grocery business.

Cornerstone of the First Presbyterian church was laid Sept. 26.

John L. Bowdish of Hartwick will build a sash, blind and door factory. (Now 2 Wells avenue, East End Lumber Co.)

The gutters of Main street have been paved.

The old Goodyear sawmill is to be razed.

The Oneonta Street Railway company has been incorporated.

On Thanksgiving night the streets of Oneonta were for the first time illuminated by electricity.

— 1888 —

The Guy Table company moved its machinery to the new factory at East End.

A Painters' union formed, J. D. L. Pruyn, president.

Some 25 houses have been erected at East End since the crops were gathered last fall from the ground on which they now stand.

Free delivery for Oneonta approved by the P. O. department. It goes into effect April 1.

Another big fire: five buildings, from the Fritts building (site of 134 Main street) to Benton's bakery (site now a vacant lot between the Reynolds and Baker blocks, including land now

occupied by the northern end of Chestnut street extension).

Chestnut street extension proposed.

The Oneonta Press was sold by J. Sherry Smith to E. E. Coates and Charles E. Weed.

R. Wesley Miller has joined N. H. Briggs and the firm name is Briggs & Miller.

The Oneonta street railway commenced operation Aug. 15.

C. P. Whipple sold the Richardson & Elmore stock of boots and shoes to Henry M. Bard of Mexico.

Cornell Bros. have purchased the Jacob Farrington stone store occupied by John Ruland, who will move to the Brewer building near Silver creek. (Site of P. O. property.)

A co-operative store has been opened with William H. Mosher manager.

The new First Presbyterian church was dedicated Nov. 20.

— 1889 —

The new Main street river bridge was opened to travel Jan. 22.

Doyle & Smith have moved to their new block on Broad street. (Now 32 Broad street.)

The Y. M. C. A. moved from the McCrum block to the Westcott block.

The bucket shop, which for two or three years has been running in Oneonta, has closed.

An encampment of the I. O. O. F. was organized in Oneonta July 1.

Contract has been let for a pavement of wooden blocks on Main street.

Prof. N. N. Bull has been appointed superintendent of schools of the village.

The Oneonta State Normal school was dedicated Sept. 4.

The old door yard fence, not going but gone.

The First Baptist church has leased the old Michael house and will establish a mission. (The house was at the northeast corner of River street and Fonda avenue and was originally the tavern of Cornelius Livingston. The site is now a vacant lot.)

The house occupied by the Russell conservatory of music has been purchased by the United Presbyterian society and will be used for church and parsonage combined. (The society afterward erected a brick church on the site. The church burned Dec. 1, 1929. The house mentioned originally stood where the Oneonta hotel is, and was moved to the Dietz street site when the Central hotel was built, in 1873.)

The old Collis P. Huntington house has been totally demolished. George B. Baird will build a fine brick house on the Chestnut street end of the lot. (That house is now the Physicians' building on Chestnut street.)

The toboggan slide at East End has been completed.

— 1890 —

A branch of the Oneonta post office has been established at East End, in the store of Charles Reynolds.

Canton David Wilber, No. 37, was mustered in June 19.

The new Free Baptist church was dedicated June 11.

The Daily Star, established by Harry W. Lee, published its first issue June 19.

Dr. A. D. Getman of Richfield Springs has moved to Oneonta and assumed the practice of his uncle, the late Dr. George D. Harter.

The population of the village is 6305.

The Chestnut street wall has been finished. (Long facetiously called the Chinese wall.)

I. D. Bouck has the contract to build 50 voting booths for the town of Oneonta.

A Veteran Firemen's association has been formed.

Canton David Wilber has rented the whole upper floor of the Wilber block for drill hall and lodge rooms. The Hook & Ladder company has rented rooms on the third floor.

Walter B. Ford is installing a system of electric bells in the newly improved residence of George I. Wilber.

Moody & Gould will move from their Main street store to a building they will erect next to their rag rooms. (At the corner of Prospect and South Main streets.) The store they vacate will be made over into a hotel to be opened by T. J. Baker and J. W. Brewer. (It was opened Jan. 1, 1891, as the City hotel; was later named the Arlington.)

The post office has been moved to the Merchants Exchange building. (2 Dietz street.)

— 1891 —

The Franklin Turnpike company elected officers, among them Dr. S. H. Case, who was re-elected president after serving 25 years in that position.

E. J. Judd and Wilbur Bradley are the village policemen.

The Oneonta Star has bought the Oneonta News.

28 manufacturing establishments in Oneonta employ 993 persons, including: D. & H., 475; knitting mill, 80; table factory, 45; Moody & Gould, 59; Buckley shirt factory, 85; cigar makers, 67; printing offices, 34.

E. R. Ford sold his drug store to W. L. Douglas and C. D. Sewell.

E. E. Beals, former school commissioner, will be principal of the East End school the coming year.

The McCammon Piano factory has been incorporated and occupies the building formerly the chair factory. (Now occupied by Otsego Iron & Metal Corp.)

M. W. Hazelton has bought the stone store which has been occupied by E. M. Vosburgh and will erect a three-story brick block. (Now the Pincus building, 138 Main street. The old stone store was erected by W. S. Fritts about 1842.)

Gault avenue has been accepted as a street.

W. E. Yager sold the brick house at the corner of Main and Grand streets (now the Masonic temple, 318 Main street) and his interest in the Oneonta Herald to George W. Fairchild.

Another big fire Oct. 14: five buildings. (Included all stores and buildings on the site of the Baker block to the Spinola building, 110 to 122 Main street.)

The McCammon Hose company has been organized at East End.

— 1892 —

J. O. & G. N. Rowe erect a 3-story brick building on Mechanic street.

B. F. Sisson & Co. have bought the Patrick McGuire building.

A. E. Nye has bought the baking business of O. A. Benton.

River street school has been built.

L. S. Emmons has built a brick building on the lot next to his residence. Later in the year he built another adjoining it. (336-340 Main street.)

The United Presbyterian society erected a brick church on their property on Dietz street.

The Wilson hotel has been erected on Mechanic street and Chestnut street extension.

Morris Bros. have erected a brick building and elevator on Mechanic street.

Dr. G. W. Goldsmith has sold his dental business to Dr. Charles F. Baylis.

The Masonic lodge moved from over Tobey & Gurney's to rooms they have fitted up in the Hazelton block.

Charles H. Bowdish has entered into partnership with James Hayes in the cigar manufacturing business.

Carr & Bull succeed Bennett & Carr in the clothing business.

Cornell Bros. have removed the stone front of their building and replaced it with iron and glass. (Now the City Drug store.)

The Oneonta Mineral Paint plant is closed. The owner was ruined by the failure of the Goshen bank.

A new electric alarm system, with seven alarm boxes, has been put into operation.

J. Gould Hoyt of Norwich has been appointed assistant superintendent of the water works. He will collect the rentals.

The Bundy Manufacturing company has shipped an automatic time recording machine to be placed in the D. & H. shops as an experiment.

Jack Scanlin fatally stabbed his wife.

The Oneonta Knitting mill manufactured 81,000 dozen ladies' stockings during the year ended Sept. 2.

The First Presbyterian society has erected a brick parsonage adjoining the church.

Doyle & Smith manufactured six million cigars in 1892.

— 1893 —

John Slattery bought the white store on Broad street and opened a hotel. (Now 56 Broad street.)

The Mechanics Hose company building on London avenue was damaged by fire.

The American Flour & Food company is conducting a flouring mill in the building formerly occupied by the paint works.

The former co-operative store has been rented to C. H. Borst for a grocery store.

A monthly magazine to be called the Oneontan is to be issued by the four literary societies of the Oneonta Normal school.

G. A. Dingman has bought the grocery store of W. H. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has bought the East End grocery of Charles Reynolds.

The old West Broadway school building has been made into a two-family house.

The Oneonta Fertilizer company has sold the factory to Arthur Schwartzenbach of New York, who will reopen it. (East of the village. The pond, where muck was taken from the swamp to form a part of the product, still remains.)

Henry Mills moved his bottling works to the store in the new hotel building on Chestnut street extension. (Now occupied by the Townsend Printing company.)

Miller street has been accepted by the trustees.

Van B. Pruyn sold his fine brick house to A. L. Kellogg. (Now No. 29 Ford avenue.)

There are four tennis courts in Oneonta this season: The Crescent on Ford avenue (site of the Jackson and Dewar houses); Pastime on East street; Watkins avenue club on that avenue; and the J. M. M. (J. M. Milne) club at the Normal school.

The filling of the Chestnut street extension has been completed and the street is open to travel.

Ford & Rowe have erected a brick storehouse and elevator on Mechanic street. The old blacksmith shop was moved off. (The original fire engine house.)

The Catholic church has built a parsonage on Grand street.

The firm of Marshall & Odekirk has been dissolved, O. H. Marshall retiring. J. E. Odekirk will continue as landlord of the Windsor hotel.

J. P. Wells has built a brick house on Main street (now No. 484) and two on Third street.

The barred grating in the door of the lock-up allows friends to pass "refreshments" through to the inmates. (Three months later a high board fence was built around the "cooler.")

The new hotel, named the Wilson house in honor of Parker Wilson, was opened in August by C. M. Hickok, proprietor.

F. D. Miller bought the old Universalist church and moved it to Hunt street for use as a hop storage.

The Haskell Novelty works on Hunt street burned. It employed twelve persons.

— 1894 —

A lodge of Daughters of Rebekah has been organized.

The Oneonta Normal school building burned Feb. 15.

The Woman's club has rented a suite of rooms in the Ray building, over Forman's cloak store.

Chapin Memorial Universalist church was dedicated early in April.

Harvey Baker has deeded a lot at the corner of Chestnut and Mechanic streets to the W. C. T. U. for a temple.

The old tavern building at the corner of River street and Fonda avenue, lately used for a mission chapel, has been moved to Miller street. (Now No. 46.)

A pagoda has been erected on the lawn of the Ford stone mansion, where band concerts will be held.

Publication of a labor paper, The Saturday Critic, has been commenced by George A. Smith.

Brick buildings (now the four next east of the Penney store) erected by James Stewart, G. B. Shearer, Briggs & Miller and B. L. Platt.

M. Gurney & Sons succeed Tobey & Gurney, in the dry goods store.

The Oneonta Press has been sold to Henry G. Bishop.

P. H. Hart has been granted a license for the Albany house on Broad street. (Now No. 60.)

The Table company building at East End burned Oct. 15.

The purchase of the Emmons toll gate has been completed and passage of the bridge will be free from Jan. 1 next.

W. H. Wilson moved his grocery stock to his new brick building. (Now 525 Main street, the East End school annex). The old store is to be occupied by Joseph Hendy and J. M. Elwood as a market.

John B. Cleveland committed suicide Thanksgiving night.

— 1895 —

The telephone office has been moved from the Ford block to the Reynolds block.

The former Shellman carriage factory building and the adjoining hotel of T. E. Mooney was burned. (Site of the first building north of the viaduct.)

A. W. Abrams was elected principal of the High school, succeeding Miss Mary Bull, resigned on account of health.

George Kirkland sold his boot and shoe store to N. B. Groat & Co.

Martha chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted March 30.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show appeared here in May.

A reservoir for the protection of the Normal school has been constructed on the Isaac Morrell farm.

The Pruyn Mill and Power company has been incorporated.

A. M. Curtis, C. A. Schumacher and Miss Ingersoll are new members of the Oneonta Normal school.

C. O. Beach has been appointed engine dispatcher, to relieve the master mechanic of a portion of his duties.

W. C. Franklin has been appointed superintendent of schools, vice N. N. Bull, resigned.

The public library has been moved from the school building to the Doyle & Smith building on Main street. (Now 173-175 Main.)

The Niles laundry on Broad street destroyed by fire. (The building was erected in 1865 by E. R. Ford for a store house. Later occupied by the Ford & Howe cultivator factory, Moody & Gould's rag rooms. Site of Enders furniture store.)

Normal Hose company organized.

M. L. & E. E. Ford have bought the remainder of the Bundy (Shady Side) property and will erect a brick block. (Now the Oneonta Department store block.)

T. D. Glenn & S. E. Giersch have opened a cigar factory.

L. B. Bowen has sold his Dietz street livery to H. W. Sheldon. (Site of the Dibble block.)

The Oneonta Grocery company has bought the grocery store of H. E. Conant. (Site of the Woolworth store.)

C. D. Sewell has sold his drug store to H. B. Gildersleeve.

The Oneonta Hospital society has arranged with Rachael Bliss for the care of patients at her private hospital on High street. The society has been incorporated.

A grange has been organized on South Side, with 26 members.

— 1896 —

The Pruyn company mills started operation Jan. 8.

The bicycle factory of Ives & Jennings on Maple street is in running order.

Mendel Bros. have closed their store and will retire. Their store will be occupied by J. P. Butts' Son (trade name of Arthur M. Butts.)

The Oneonta club has bought the Amsden property on Dietz street. (Site of H. A. Lewis' funeral parlors.)

Reynolds avenue will be extended to Dietz.

J. W. Packer has purchased a lot from the Pruyn property and will erect a 3-story veneered brick block for business and residential purposes. The wing of the old Elwell mill has been torn down and the main part of the building (erected 1807) will be moved to the rear to permit the erection of the Packer building.

S. C. Niles will erect a store building on the Broad street lot where his laundry burned. (The building was erected and was destroyed by fire June 1, 1905.)

Charles E. Dibble has been appointed chief of police, to succeed Wilbur F. Bradley.

The Pruyn Milling & Power company has been authorized to change its name to Oneonta Milling company.

The graduates of the Oneonta Union school have formed an alumni association, with Dr. J. C. Smith, president.

The new building of L. Goldsmith has been completed. (It burned in Feb., 1907. Site of Spinola building, 112 Main street.)

J. W. Brewer has bought the timber lot of 12 acres on East street. He will dispose of the timber and then cut up the land into building lots. (Vicinity of Woodside avenue and above.)

The trustees have accepted Reynolds avenue and also Clinton street from West to Spruce streets.

Rev. C. S. Pendleton succeeds Rev. A. E. Wilson as pastor of the Free Baptist church.

The Dr. S. H. Case office building is to be removed and M. F. Butterfield will erect a brick building on the site. (The office building was erected in 1832.) The Dr. S. H. Case house next east of the office building has been moved to Linden avenue and the office building attached to it as a kitchen wing. (Now No. 30 Linden.)

Pruyn Bros. have sold an interest in their milling business to Durant & Elmore of Albany.

C. K. Lauren and son, Bertus C., and H. Spencer Rowe have opened a wholesale crockery store.

— 1897 —

Barnes, Lennon & Hills erected a brick block next east of the Butterfield building.

J. R. Skinner, for 24 years master car builder at the D. & H. shops, has been made master mechanic.

The name of Mechanic street has been changed to Market street.

Oles & Anderson have sold their grocery business to S. A. Terrell and Fred J. Campbell.

W. E. Yager erects a brick block of four stores on Chestnut street, opposite the Windsor hotel.

A 25,000 pound mortar has arrived and has been placed on the armory grounds.

The Center street school is being built.

Harry C. Bard has bought out the pop corn business of W. C. Morgan and will continue to deal out corn at the old place.

The Oneonta Opera House company has been incorporated.

The horse cars have discontinued on the street railway. Electric cars will soon be running.

— 1898 —

The new theatre on Chestnut street has been leased to W. D. Fitzgerald. C. H. McGonigal has leased the Metropolitan theatre on Dietz street.

C. F. Shelland succeeds George Kirkland as postmaster.

The new Oneonta theatre opened with the Sporting Duchess.

Dr. P. I. Bugbee has been elected to succeed Dr. J. M. Milne as principal of the Oneonta Normal school.

The Oneonta Cycle Path association has ordered bicycle plates showing the name of the association and the year.

The James B. Camp house will be moved to Cedar street and Frank D. Miller will erect a brick house on the site. (Now 300 Main street.)

The 3rd Separate company, Capt. U. A. Ferguson, left May 2 for Camp Black, L. I. Maj. Walter Scott commands the battalion.

The 103rd Separate company was mustered in May 6, to serve while the 3rd Separate company is in the army.

The 3rd Separate company was mustered into the army on May 20, as Co. G, 1st Inf., N. Y. V. (The Company returned home Dec. 26 from the Hawaiian Islands.)

The Electric & Power company is constructing a dam in the river east of the village.

Dr. A. W. Cutler of Binghamton has opened an office here.

The electric cars began running in July.

C. H. McGonigal, proprietor of the Central, left town. His whereabouts are unknown.

James O'Brien, former fire chief, was killed while endeavoring to repair the fire alarm system.

— 1899 —

A board of trade has been organized.

The blacksmith shops of J. W. TenBroeck and M. VanWie are both located on South Main street.

Ten looms are in operation in the Paragon silk mill at East End. (In the former piano factory.)

Rev. Dr. J. C. Russell is the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Co. G was mustered out Feb. 23.

A. M. Butts has purchased the Reynolds & Wilcox block. (Site of the Butts block.)

M. G. Ronan opened a dry goods store.

Dr. Marshall Latcher has begun practice here.

Bresee & Cooper opened the Oneonta Department store in the Baird block.

The First church of Christ Scientist completed its organization, with 34 members.

— 1900 —

A Doremus postmarking machine was installed in the post office. Oneonta is the first city outside the cities to be provided with a canceling machine.

To save the cost of three long bridges and approaches, a canal a quarter mile long has been dug by the U. & D. and the water of the Charlotte diverted through it.

The new Y. M. C. A. building was dedicated March 27.

Golf links have been laid out on the circus ground on East street, owned by G. T. Yager.

The charter of the Aurelia Osborn Fox Memorial Hospital association has been approved by the State board of charities.

Co. G has secured a range on Mrs. Moffatt's farm on lower Chestnut street.

First train on the U. & D. R. R. into Oneonta July 15.

The first automobile ever in the valley was in Oneonta July 14. A. M. Butts went to Binghamton with the driver, the trip taking 4½ hours.

The corner stone of the Fox Memorial hospital was laid Oct. 5.

A busy political day: W. J. Bryan spoke near the Elmore mills and Chauncey M. Depew spoke at both theatres in the evening.

Parish avenue has been accepted as a street.

J. L. Bowdish is the first resident of Oneonta to own an automobile.

The public school building at East End burned. It was built in 1888.

— 1901 —

A gateway for the Glenwood cemetery has been presented by W. V. Huntington.

The millinery establishment of Ruland & Souer has been sold to M. M. & M. L. Stringham.

— 1902 —

Rural route No. 1 to be opened.

The old skating rink and theatre on Dietz street has been converted into a carpenter shop and is occupied by McFee & Borst.

R. P. Stoddard succeeds N. J. Farone as resident manager of the theatre.

Pruyn Bros. sold their interest in the Oneonta Milling company to E. W. Elmore and Elmore & Durant.

H. E. Huntington has presented a gateway to Riverside cemetery.

Ford & Dean sold their insurance business to M. G. Keenan.

A brick pavement is being laid on Main, Broad and Chestnut streets.

The fire alarm bell is now on a tower on Lawn avenue.

School Commissioner W. I. Bolton will move here Jan. 1.

Colliscroft is the name chosen by E. H. Pardee for his estate on South Side.

— 1903 —

The Woodin carpenter shop on Market street has been sold to McFee & Borst.

The Main street crossing has been closed to permit work on the viaduct. The temporary crossing, opened Dec. 25, has been named Christmas street.

The Lutheran Church of the Atonement society was organized May 6.

Gov. B. B. Odell jr. has signed a bill appropriating $50,000 for a new armory in Oneonta.

The Oneonta Coal & Supply company has been incorporated.

Herrieff & Harmon have opened a clothing store.

R. E. Brigham's new jewelry store is in the former Bunn market building. The other part of the altered building is occupied by U. A. Ferguson.

The new First Baptist church building on Chestnut street was dedicated Nov. 11.

The Oneonta Ice company has been incorporated.

— 1904 —

The public library has been moved to the theatre building on Chestnut street.

Dr. E. J. Parish commenced practice here April 1.

Contract has been let for the construction of the state road from East End to Emmons, 1.39 miles.

There are now ten automobiles in town.

Olive drab uniforms have been issued to Co. G.

The Main street viaduct was opened Aug. 15.

Corner stone of the new armory was laid Sept. 24. The building will cost $62,000.

The old First Baptist church building has been sold to the Lutheran society.

— 1905 —

The Wilber National bank moved to new quarters and opened in the Wilber block Jan. 26.

The Lorenz operation successfully performed for the first time in this section of the state by Dr. E. J. Parish.

Elm park, the new base ball park, was opened Decoration day. (Now Neahwa.)

Col. Walter Scott Camp, No. 42, United Spanish War Veterans, organized. S. J. Stone, Com.

The Camp building (formerly the Gates carriage factory), the Niles block, etc., burned June 1.

The telephone company erects a brick building on Dietz street.

The Home telephone company has fitted up an office in the Ford & Ford block.

F. H. Bresee has bought the Ford & Ford block.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles organized an aerie with 60 members.

A system of interlocking switches has been put in operation in the D. & H. yards.

— 1906 —

The Buckley Bros. building, occupied by the shirt factory and the Gardner-Thompson laundry, was badly damaged by fire Jan. 15.

Prof. H. W. Rockwell succeeds Prof. W. C. Franklin as superintendent of schools.

E. H. Pardee erects a 4-story brick building on Broad street.

The Center street school has been leased to the State Normal school for ten years.

"The Long House" has been erected by W. E. Yager in rear of his residence on Ford avenue.

The ownership of the trolley road has passed from the O. C. & R. S. R. R. company to the Oneonta & Mohawk Valley R. R. company.

The Wilber block burned. (On site now occupied by the upper end of South Main street.)

The village voted to appropriate $100,000 for the erection of a new school building.

The Oneonta Water Works company erects a filtering station.

The village voted to appropriate $50,000 for a city hall.

The D. & H. has been given permission to erect a viaduct at the Richards crossing.

Dr. F. H. Tatlock of Schenevus has opened a dental office in the First National bank block.

Hill place has been opened.

— 1907 —

E. E. Scatchard has bought the drug business, formerly operated by George E. Moore, and more recently by H. J. Disbrow & Co.

The iron-sheathed store building of L. Goldsmith burned in February. (Erected in 1896.)

The D. & H. has put a hump yard in operation.

The new viaduct at Richards crossing opened in April.

The Casino, a new 5-cent theatre for moving pictures, has been opened.

The Oneonta Chamber of Commerce was organized May 10.

The Colliers dam was completely closed in October and was completely filled in six days and two hours.

The Citizens National bank opened Nov. 21 in the Willahan block.

N. H. Briggs & Son have erected a new building on Hickory street.

— 1908 —

The new High school building was dedicated April 23.

A lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen was organized in May.

The Oneonta Milling company has completed its dam at East End.

The first tag day in Oneonta was held in September for the benefit of the hospital.

The trustees accepted a deed to 75 acres adjoining the Susquehanna river, from Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Rutherford Morris, agreeing to certain provisions. (Neahwa park.)

The Wilson house barn with 19 horses burned. (The old Columbian rink building.)

A flag staff 75 feet high has been erected on the High school grounds.

Another big fire was on Dec. 27; all the buildings west of the First National bank to and including the Mendel Bros. stone store.

— 1909 —

Oneonta became a city Jan. 1.

The fire commissioners disbanded the volunteer fire department.

Co. G has purchased a fine collection of old firearms.

The City club has been organized by members of the D. F. Wilber Hook & Ladder company. They occupy the D. F. Wilber house. (Site of the Palace theatre.)

The O. & M. V. R. R. has been transferred to the Otsego & Herkimer R. R.

The Mechanics Hose company building on London avenue has been sold by the city.

H. G. Bishop has sold the Oneonta Press to Chester A. Miller, principal of the New Berlin High school. (Mr. Miller has since been assemblyman and the present Oneonta post master.)

— 1910 —

The Central hotel block burned Jan. 16. (Where the Oneonta hotel now stands.)

George J. Dann succeeds H. W. Rockwell as superintendent of schools.

The aldermen have directed that telephone, light and power wires be placed in conduits on sections of Main and Chestnut streets which are to be paved this reason.

The old Metropolitan theatre and rink building has been sold and will be removed.

A new grand stand with concrete foundations is being placed on the fair grounds.

The Oneonta Promotion company has been organized to erect a building for an overall factory here.

George I. Wilber has presented a modern fire engine to the city.

E. W. Elmore has resumed possession of the Oneonta Milling company and has bought the Judge Mattice house for his residence. (Corner of Main and Luther streets.)

Ceperley & Morgan have bought the insurance business of Mrs. L. C. White.

Another big fire Dec. 23: the O. & H. freight station; Morris Bros. brick veneered building, the first of the many wholesale buildings on Market street; H. S. Griggs' building rented by Morris Bros. as store room and annex; residence and store of Angela Powell; residence and blacksmith shop of John B. Chase. There were three deaths. (The shop was the old fire engine house, built before the village was chartered and after several moves ended on this site.)

— 1911 —

The new building for the overall factory has been completed. (Now occupied by the C. & M. Manufacturing company, corner of Chestnut and Fonda avenue.)

The First National bank suspended payment.

The division headquarters of the D. & H. have been moved here.

The Nurses' home on Norton avenue was completed.

A single story building is being erected on Broad street on the lot where the Niles block was burned. (30 Broad street.)

The Fitch & Warren company was formed.

The Woolworth store opened in Oneonta.

Water street has been extended to Chestnut street.

G. W. Fairchild to erect a block on the site of the Herald office, which was destroyed by fire.

West End chapel built. (River Street Baptist church.)

Morris park has been named Neahwa, by the city council.

The Oneonta hotel opened Sept. 16.

The first funeral cortege ever formed in Oneonta, entirely of automobiles, mostly furnished by A. M. Butts.

— 1912 —

May Firman has been appointed first district superintendent of schools of the newly formed district, which is composed of four towns on the southern tier of the county.

Law firm of Seybolt & Seybolt formed.

Charles Smith was elected grand master of Masons in the State of New York, at the meeting of grand lodge held in New York City.

A. E. Ford & Son succeed Ford & Rowe in the feed business.

F. M. and L. M. Baker form hardware firm of Baker Bros.

Frank M. Gurney has been appointed city engineer.

The Oneonta Sales company has taken the agency of the Ford cars.

The Tichenor-Culver works at East End, foundrymen, employ 14 men continuously.

— 1913 —

Dr. N. W. Getman has opened an office in the house formerly occupied by his uncle, Dr. A. D. Getman. (Now the Community house.)

The Elmore Milling company plant on Main street was entirely destroyed by fire May 7. Loss, $250,000. There were three deaths. A new building of brick is to be erected on the site.

Charles J. Beams succeeded C. F. Shelland as post master.

The Oneonta Country club has been organized. The farm of Josiah S. Bull will be purchased.

Rev. S. W. Simmons becomes pastor of Pilgrim Holiness church, which has reorganized.

The Burroughs club organized.

The W. C. T. U. property has been returned to the heirs of the donor.

A lodge of the Daughters of Isabella has been formed.

Drs. F. H. Marx and D. H. Mills have opened offices at 7 Ford avenue.

The Oneonta Building & Loan association has bought the A. S. Miles property.

The city voted to appropriate $3000 for the purchase of a lot and $17,000 for the erection of a school house in the 5th ward. (The Chestnut street school.)

The wireless receiving station of R. E. Brigham now receives messages twice daily from Arlington, Va.

— 1914 —

The Otsego County farm bureau has been formed.

A new street is to be opened, Wall street.

The new Elmore mills have been completed.

The first Dollar day in the city was held March 27.

Oneonta lodge, No. 1312, B. P. O. E., was instituted April 28.

A gas explosion in the garage of Spencer Wright on Prospect street resulted in the death of Mrs. Elvin D. Easton and Mrs. Lathrop, in the Hathaway house adjoining.

The Pentecostal Rescue mission at 60 Valleyview street was dedicated June 7.

After shooting two women in the Ford stone mansion (which was used as a boarding house), Harry Hamilton was shot and killed by Sergt. J. H. Stapleton.

Supt. George J. Dann has been honored by the conferring of a degree, Doctor of Pedagogy, by New York University.

The Oneonta grange was organized Aug. 25.

The Bauer Chemical company locates here. They manufacture Sanatogen.

Centennial lodge, I. O. O. F., has bought the Morris Bros. building on Chestnut street.

The new lodge of Elks has bought the double house at 99 Main street. (Old residence of Timothy Sabin.)

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt spoke here Oct. 13.

Wall street was opened Sept. 26.

— 1915 —

The Peacock revival meetings commenced late in March and ran about six weeks. The meetings were held in a tabernacle (on the site of Huntington park) and 2870 "hit the trail."

Use of the boulevard lights commenced April 9.

River street is being paved.

The new post office building was formally opened June 14.

F. H. Monroe erected a brick garage. (Wall Street garage.)

The D. & H. restaurant in the depot closed Sept. 19.

The city has a population of 10,496.

W. V. Huntington was killed in an automobile accident Sept. 13.

At a banquet of the Chamber of Commerce held Nov. 24, a transcontinental telephone talk with San Francisco was the attraction, with receivers for each of the 400 present. A few hours later the Liberty bell stopped at the depot and was reverently viewed by 3000 persons.

The Sheffield Farms company has opened a creamery at the Plains.

Fonda avenue is to be closed north of the railroad, pedestrians using an overhead bridge.

— 1916 —

The public library has been moved to the former Getman house on Ford avenue.

The Kiosk lunch room of Higgins Bros. is to be moved to West Broadway and a brick building erected on the site. (3-5 Dietz street.)

The mausoleum in the Plains cemetery was dedicated on Decoration day.

The city came into possession of the Walling plat, through the munificence of George I. Wilber. The city named it Wilber park.

Queen Amelia court, Order of Amaranth, instituted June 1.

A branch of the Julius Kayser glove factory is to be located here.

Wilber park was dedicated July 4.

A new Catholic cemetery, Mt. Calvary, has been laid out at Emmons. The first burial was made in July.

The pavilion in Neahwa park has been completed.

The Franklin toll gate is to disappear.

The Elm Park church society was organized. Oct. 17.

— 1917 —

G. A. Lane retired as general manager of the Oneonta Light and Power company, after 27 years' service.

Co. G left Feb. 4, for duty guarding the New York city aqueduct.

Exemption board organized with George B. Baird, chairman.

The Quality Silk mill plant is located on Windsor avenue. (Site rear end of Dept. store.)

Supt. J. G. Hoyt of the water works is overseeing the planting of 20,000 Scotch pine trees on the Gifford farm.

Capt. J. A. Millard's Bakery company, recently organized, left for Peekskill July 15.

The common council elected A. E. Ceperley mayor, to succeed Joseph S. Lunn, who recently died.

The Depot unit of Co. G left for Croton lake Aug. 13, Capt. F. M. H. Jackson in command. They will be on duty guarding the New York city aqueduct. (The unit became headquarters company of the First Provisional regiment, which had been formed for guard duty.)

Co. G left Aug. 18 for Camp Wadsworth, where they will be in training for several months, Capt. G. P. Keepers in command.

The D. & H. round house is being repaired. Seven modern stalls are to be added each year for seven years.

— 1918 —

H. E. Huntington deeded the Huntington property to the city for use as library and park.

W. W. Capron has bought the entire capital stock of M. Gurney & Sons, Inc. (Dry goods store.)

The division offices of the Susquehanna division of the D. & H. are to be moved to the top floor of the Oneonta hotel building, from the Wilber National bank building and other buildings about the city.

The city voted "bone dry" at the election held April 16 and 17. The city will be dry Oct. 1.

F. H. Bresee has erected a brick building on Wall street, to be occupied by Kayser & Co.

Elm Park M. E. church dedicated July 14. Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor.

The D. & H. and the U. & D. railroads are both using the depot of the former.

Charles S. Jennings was the first Oneonta citizen to die in the service of his country.

P. R. Chambers succeeds E. L. Sellers as superintendent of the Oneonta Gas & Electric company's plant here.

— 1919 —

E. W. Spencer and Lavern Palmer have bought the Stanton block at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets.

The Bauer Chemical company's capital stock has been sold by the alien property custodian.

J. G. Laskaris has bought the corner brick block of W. L. Brown.

The Carr Clothing company has purchased the Tobey block.

The bakery building long occupied by O. A. Benton was badly gutted by fire. (Was soon torn down and remains the vacant lot between the Reynolds and Baker blocks.)

Oneonta gave an entertainment, dinner and dance April 24, to returned soldiers. Only 150 were present.

A post of the American Legion was organized August 27.

R. S. Wyckoff has purchased the greenhouses of C. W. Peck. The greenhouses were established by Mrs. Seymour Scott in 1881.

Andrew C. Lange is the new general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

James Koken has bought the Butterfield block.

The name of the Free Baptist church has been changed to Main Street Bapttist church.

— 1920 —

The Oneonta Ice company has bought the coal business of L. B. Green.

The population of the city is 11,582.

The Coy livery stables on Dietz street have been torn down and a brick block erected by F. L. & S. R. Dibble.

The Huntington library was opened in July, the books of the Oneonta Public library having been removed thereto.

The Salvation Army has purchased the brick block at the corner of Main and Grove streets.

A Miller-Strong drug store has been opened here.

The Oneonta Sales company took possession of their new building at the corner of Market and Chestnut streets.

— 1921 —

M. F. Leamy succeeds J. K. McNeilly as superintendent of the Susquehanna division.

The Kayser branch factory here has been closed.

Oneida street has been so named by vote of Plains residents.

George Wilcox was outbid, after driving the Oneonta-Morris stage route 28 years.

J. A. Dewar resigned as assistant post master.

The city will pave Chestnut street to the city line.

Co. G, 10th Inf., N. Y. G., was federalized April 8. It is now a part of the New York National Guard.

Brown park presented to the city. (Corner of Main and Market streets.)

The former home of the public library on Ford avenue is to be reopened as the Community house. (17 Ford avenue.)

The City band disbanded after 25 years existence.

Keeton's band has been organized.

Harry P. Weidman was fatally shot at Scranton Aug. 21.

A brick block is being built by Carl Spinola, on the site of the old Goldsmith building.

The new Chestnut street school was gutted by fire, following an explosion.

The name of the library has been changed to the Huntington Memorial library.

The West End Baptist church has changed its name to the River Street Baptist church.

— 1922 —

The new Plains school opened Jan. 9.

Dr. E. J. Parish has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel, ordnance department.

Louis M. Baker has been promoted to captain of Co. G, vice Jackson promoted.

Frank G. Sherman succeeds C. J. Beams as post master.

The D. F. Wilber brick house at the corner of Main street and Ford avenue is being demolished, preparatory to the erection of a theatre. (Palace theatre.)

The Rotary club was chartered April 20.

Stop-go traffic signals at the corners of Main and Broad streets and Main and Chestnut streets, used for the first time May 31.

The telephone building has been enlarged and another story added.

Anthony Scott has bought the Ray block, 186 Main street.

The city to purchase voting machines.

The Bauer Chemical plant has been discontinued.

The D. & H. has built barracks for strike-breakers.

The shelter house at Wilber park has been completed.

A. E. Ceperley has been designated county fuel administrator.

The Wilson house has been leased for one year to the D. & H. It will be used to house the new employees. (So-called strike-breakers.)

The Schine interests have purchased the Oneonta theatre.

The Maxey theatre opened Dec. 7. (Now Palace theatre, owned by the Schine interests.)

J. D. Schatzky has purchased the block at 21 Broad street, now used by the American express company.

— 1923 —

The city voted to buy the water works, in accordance with the plan named in the will of George I. Wilber.

The Normal branch of the trolley road has been discontinued and Fred Bliss has started a motor bus line.

St. Mary's parish has bought the former W. H. Morris property at the corner of Elm and Walnut streets (and erected a parochial school thereon).

D. F. Keyes has bought a majority of the stock of the Oneonta Union Agricultural society.

The Murdock Implement company has been incorporated.

The Otsego County Bar association has been organized.

The old ice house on railroad avenue is to be razed.

Frank A. Herrieff was the first pitcher to use a curved ball in Otsego and Delaware counties. (He was then a member of the Franklin club.)

Grand encampment of the I. O. O. F. was held here in May.

The corner stone of St. James parish house was laid May 27.

The city now owns the water works.

Receivers are conducting the Miller-Strong drug store.

The J. C. Penney store opened Sept. 20.

An old building, the former Stanton hotel, razed to make way for a new brick block to be erected by J. A. Dewar. (Now 37-39 Broad street.)

The Kiwanis club was organized Nov. 6.

H. A. Lewis has bought the McCrum undertaking business. It was established by William McCrum in 1849.

The D. & H. shopmen end the strike.

The Liggett company has bought the drug store, recently conducted by Miller-Strong.

— 1924 —

Oneonta has the biggest turn-table in the world. It is 104 feet long.

Several bus lines have united and leased the Mathys garage on Prospect street for a terminal station.

The Catholics have bought the former Z. H. Sloat house on Walnut street as a residence for the Sisters of Mercy. (37 Walnut street, built in 1867 by A. Rodney Dutton.)

J. G. Hoyt resigned as superintendent of the water works, after 32 years as head of the system.

Sergt. E. N. Patten post, V. F. W., was organized June 17.

The parochial school was dedicated Aug. 2.

The historic caboose was moved to Neahwa park and was dedicated Sept. 23.

The name of Brewer avenue has been changed to Woodside avenue.

The Otschodela Council, Boy Scouts, was organized.

L. P. Hamilton has bought the Buckley laundry. (Now called the Daylight laundry of the Otsego Laundry company.)

The Oneonta Coal & Supply has bought the Ford block.

— 1925 —

A seven per cent grade has been secured for the Oneonta-North Franklin for the proposed state highway.

The First Baptist church was rededicated, after important repairs.

Dr. G. W. Augustin, speaking to the Rotary club, said that another great war is sure within a generation, unless there be a radical spiritual change in the world.

The West-Nesbitt company has been incorporated and a large building erected on Market street.

The corner stone of the First Methodist church was laid July 12.

About 1200 attended a meeting of the K.K.K. on the Plains. About 150 were initiated and three crosses were burned.

The Standard Oil company has bought the Wright property at the corner of Main and Maple streets.

J. H. Woodward has bought the River Street bus line from O. J. Buck.

The East End Coal company has been bought by men from Scranton.

W. Lloyd Kennedy has bought the Capron block and business. (Now 179 Main street.)

Dr. A. F. Carson has begun practice here. (Now mayor.)

Fire destroyed the Buckley shirt factory, the Otsego laundry and the Dauley & Wright marble works.

The Riverside Manufacturing company will discontinue business Jan. 1. The building will be occupied by the G. P. Ides company of Troy. (Chestnut street and Fonda avenue.)

The population of the city is 12,057.

— 1926 —

The Oneonta Ice Cream company has been merged with the General Ice Cream company.

The Chamber of Commerce has commenced issuing automobile licenses and plates.

The Franklin turnpike has been closed for the construction of a concrete road to Meridale.

Fred M. Baker is building a brick block adjoining the Baker block.

C. H. Bennett is building a one-story brick block for use as a show room and service station, at the corner of Chestnut street and Shafer avenue.

The W. H. Hoffman cleaning works has taken possession of his new block. (Site of the Sears Roebuck store.)

The Otsego Laundry company has taken possession of the building erected on the site of the shirt factory and laundry, burned last year.

The rails of the trolley road have been removed from Oneida street.

J. A. Dewar is to build a brick block next above the one he built three years ago.

Oneonta council, No. 87, Royal and Select Masons was instituted May 21.

The board of education has bought the VanDeusen brick building at the corner of Main and Park streets, to be used for grade school.

An ambulance has been given to the city by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wilber.

— 1927 —

M. A. Ross is building a brick block at the corner of Main and Fairview streets, to include four stores.

New officers were elected by the Wilber National bank: Edward Crippen, president; Robert Hall, vice-president; and L. F. Rose, cashier.

E. E. Scatchard and Fenton Neal have bought the City drug store.

The new Hartwick college may come to Oneonta.

The Oneonta fair has been discontinued. The grounds will be plotted and sold by D. F. Keyes.

The Main Street Baptist church is being remodeled.

Will Rogers delighted a large audience at the theatre.

W. W. Hughes is the new general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., succeeding Andrew C. Lange.

The Oneonta-Meridale road has been completed—12.5 miles.

L. E. Wilder retires from business and rents his store to J. J. Newberry company.

— 1928 —

The J. C. Penney company has taken possession of the new store at the corner of Main street and Ford avenue.

The Star and D. W. Orcutt printing shops have merged.

The new Huddleston-Walton bakery open May 1 for inspection by the public.

Ground was broken June 26 for the first building on the Hartwick college campus.

Hartwick college opened Sept. 25, with services in the Palace theatre.

Huddleston-Walton has sold the new bakery to Spaulding Bakeries, Inc.

Dr. Carl Spear, lately of Rome, has opened an office in this city.

All electric poles are to be removed from the business section of the city.

— 1929 —

Charles Smith has retired as president of the Citizens National bank and takes position as chairman of the board. F. H. Bresee has been elected president.

J. W. Shaver bought the Windsor hotel from B. E. Swart Co.

The old Ford stone mansion is being razed, preparatory to the erection of a new bank building by the Wilber National bank. (The stone building was erected by E. R. Ford in 1840.)

Oneonta lodge, F. & A. M., has bought the former G. W. Fairchild residence and will convert it into a temple.

Dr. C. W. Leitzell has been chosen president of Hartwick college.

The George B. Baird residence at the corner of Chestnut and Church streets has been sold and will be arranged for a Physicians' center.

A marker of the Clinton-Sullivan expedition was unveiled in Brown park Aug. 10.

The Linn Trailer building on the Plains has been completed.

The United Presbyterian church on Dietz street burned Dec. 1.

The city water commissioners request the resignation of F. A. Lyon, city superintendent of water works. W. W. Watkins was selected to succeed to the position.

— 1930 —

B. C. Lauren was elected president of the Citizens National bank.

M. H. Stapleton has been made chief of the fire department, vice C. E. Choate, resigned.

The Y. M. C. A. swimming pool was opened April 30.

F. C. Huntington has been appointed city judge and Julian B. Jackson city attorney.

The population of the city is 12,527.

F. C. Huntington was elected governor of the New York State Kiwanis.

The Kalo battery property has been sold.

The Lions club was organized July 14.

Work has been started on the Pony Farm crossing.

The corner stone of the United Presbyterian church was laid Sept. 28.

— 1931 —

The Main street river bridge has been condemned by the state superintendent of highways. It has been in use 42 years and will be replaced.

Mrs. Evelyn Webster's system of teaching is to be published by the American Educational Press, Inc.

Robert N. Briggs was fatally injured in a plane crash.

— 1932 —

L. P. Hamilton was elected president of the New York State Laundrymen's association.

The Stewart Ice company has been formed.

The new United Presbyterian church, on the site of the old Walling brick mansion (erected 1854), was dedicated June 14.

A large brick building has been erected on the Normal school grounds, for a training school.

The first graduating class of Hartwick college numbered 73.

A new fire alarm system is to replace bell on Lawn avenue.

Ground was broken Oct. 26 for the state tuberculosis hospital.

— 1933 —

Dr. P. I. Bugbee retired as principal of the Normal school.

During a widespread milk strike, 100 cans of milk were dumped in Oneonta.

The Stewart Ice company has purchased the ice business of the Oneonta Ice & Fuel company.

The bus terminal has been changed to the Windsor hotel.

Dr. Charles W. Hunt succeeds Dr. P. I. Bugbee as principal of O. N. S.

The elimination highway between the Pony Farm and Crandall crossings has been opened for traffic.

A sewage disposal plant for the city has been built below the Plains.

— 1934 —

The First Presbyterian church has extended a call to Rev. Dr. Boyd McCleary.

The Unger dress factory opened Oct. 1.

— 1935 —

The board of education has purchased the E. D. Lewis property on Grove street.

— 1936 —

The Oneonta Glove company has been formed. The building at 40-42 Market street has been leased.

C. Nathan Pendleton was elected cashier of the Citizens National bank.

Length of streets within the city limits: River street, 10,300 feet; Main street, 9900 feet; Maple street, 8400 feet.

The additional height of the dam at Wilber lake will increase the water storage to 212 million gallons.

The Ford dip is to be eliminated on the new Oneonta-Davenport Center highway.

Burton E. Swart was killed by a U. & D. locomotive at West Davenport Oct. 9.

— 1937 —

The Common council adopted a zoning ordinance.

Rev. Harold C. Buckingham becomes pastor of the First Methodist church.

— 1938 —

William A. Kelley died Jan. 9, the last survivor here of the Civil war.

The city has signed a contract for parking meters.

William Wallace succeeded M. F. Leamy as superintendent of the Susquehanna division.

Rev. Arthur A. Cunningham becomes pastor of St. Marys church.

The river rose to 21.25 Sept. 22, the highest on record. The Mickle bridge over the Charlotte was carried away.

— 1939 —

The roof of the D. & H. freight house has been raised to provide a second story, which will be occupied by division offices.

A steel grand stand is being erected at the Neahwa ball park.

A swimming pool at Wilber park has been opened.

Dr. Henry J. Arnold succeeded Dr. C. W. Leitzell as president of Hartwick college.

The Upper Susquehana Historical society has been formed.

Belmont circle has been accepted as a city street.

The Gospel Tabernacle is being reorganized. Rev. Russell Plants is the pastor.

The E. R. Ford jr. residence on Ford avenue is being demolished. It was erected in 1881. (Site of the Acme store.)

The trolley road has been sold.

— 1940 —

Louis M. Baker has merged the Fred M. Baker and the Acorn hardware stores.

Dr. F. H. Marx, president of the state B.P.O.E., addressed the state convention at Rochester.

W. I. Bolton, state president of the Building & Loan associations, attended the state convention, accompanied by his son, Capt. Danforth D. Bolton.

Rev. Louis van Ess becomes rector of St. James Episcopal church.

The Sportsmen's club have purchased the "Vlaie" farm.

Oneonta's Red Sox joined the Canada-American baseball league.

Draft board organized, with Albert B. Webster, chairman.

A farewell banquet for Co. G was held Oct. 15. The company leaves for Fort Benning Oct. 23.

The first drill of Co. I was held Nov. 12.

The Sears-Roebuck store opened Nov. 14.

The Otsego county sanatorium will cease work as a TB hospital Jan. 1.

Andrew C. Lange returned as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Fourteen men, the first lot inducted by the Oneonta draft board, left Nov. 28. David F. Wilber jr. was one of them.

— 1941 —

Co. I was mustered in Jan. 7.

Robert J. Simmons has been appointed chief of police.

There are no graduates from the State Teachers' college, owing to a change from a three year to a four year requirement.

The annex to the Fox Memorial hospital was formally opened Nov. 24.

The first echelon of the Sixth army went through the city Dec. 6, led by Col. Theodore Roosevelt and the 26th infantry. The second echelon went through Dec. 7.

— 1942 —

Charles H. Bowdish was the able city chamberlain 28 years.

Col. Fenimore B. Lynch was the first native Oneontan to be killed in the Far East. A plane, in which he was flying, crashed between Kunming and Chungking.

Augustus M. Gurney has been promoted to brigadier general.

The new war council elected officers, Dr. E. J. Parish, chairman.

The State Teachers' college conferred degrees for the first time.

Rev. George Thompson becomes pastor of the Main Street Baptist church.

— 1943 —

Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Clark burned to death March 5, when their house was partly burned at night.

A. E. Ford's three-story brick feed store on Market street was gutted by fire May 23. (It was soon repaired by the removal of the upper stories and made into a one-story building.)

Honor roll on post office grounds, sponsored by the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lion clubs, was dedicated Nov. 11.

Otsego county has been changed from the 39th to the 44th senatorial district.

Rev. Richard R. Lloyd becomes pastor of the First Baptist church.

Cigars and cigarettes are very scarce.

Rev. Harold C. Buckingham has received the degree of doctor of divinity from Hartwick college.

— 1944 —

Maximilian Shepard has purchased the building and equipment of the Windsor hotel, which he has been conducting for the past three years.

The state convention of the P. H. C. was held here in June.

Rev. Paul J. Strenge has become the pastor of the Lutheran church.

The Masonic grand lodge has awarded Hon. Charles Smith, past grand master, a 60-year gold palm, presented at a ceremony here by Lee H. Starr, district deputy grand master.

The Korell company has established a branch dress manufactory here.

D. D. Crisp began his work as executive of the Otschodela council of Boy Scouts, Sept. 1.

What is believed to be the final black-out drill has been held.

The Oneonta Daily Star has been sold by Francis A. Lee and associates to Oneonta Star, Inc., owned by James H. Ottaway and Byron H. French, publishers of the Endicott Bulletin.

— 1945 —

J. Kenneth Yager has resumed his position as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, after a leave of absence to act as assistant field director of the Red Cross in the Pacific theatre.

James R. Gerling retired as secretary of the Y. M. C. A., after filling that position for 33 years.

The Hartwick college laboratories were dedicated Feb. 28.

Dr. LeRoy S. House has been elected to fellowship in the American college of radiology.

Miss E. Doris Crandall succeeds Mrs. Lechevet as administrator of the Fox Memorial hospital.

Oneontans treated the news of V-E day very solemnly by attending services in various churches.

Dr. Harold V. Hager succeeds Dr. George J. Dann as superintendent of schools in this city.

Joyous crowds formed in the downtown section when the surrender of the Japs was flashed.

Rev. Charles H. McClung becomes pastor of the United Presbyterian church.

— 1946 —

The city's first common council with democratic majority was sworn into office, with Dr. A. F. Carson, mayor, reelected.

Donald H. Grant has been appointed county attorney, succeeding D. J. Kilkenny, retired.

A $150,000 fire at the D. & H. coal chute caused the death of two men.

A fire in the Carr Clothing company's store caused a loss of $55,000 in building damage and stock.

Aug. 21 was a Welcome Home day for veterans, with 1200 veterans registered.

The Eastern Danish brotherhood met here, with 500 delegates.

The city became free of debt when the last payment was made on the $250,000 school bond issue of 1926.

— 1947 —

The first electrical code went into effect in January.

The Federal Communications commission has given The Oneonta Star authorization to operate an F. M. radio station.

Willis D. Sweet has bought the property and business of the Oneonta Glass company from J. J. McNeill.

Ground was broken May 25 for a $40,000 laboratory building of the Fox Memorial hospital, to be named for Dr. Marshall Latcher, in recognition of his long and devoted self-sacrifice in the community. The funds were contributed by friends and admirers of that physician.

Isabelle M. Birdsall, retiring principal of the Junior High school, was cited at the commencement of the Oneonta State Teachers college, for her record as teacher and administrator.

The Federal Communications commission has given The Oneonta Star authorization to operate a standard broadcasting station, with a frequency of 1400 KC.

Hilton E. Heineke succeeds J. Kenneth Yager as secretary of the chamber of commerce.

A plaque was dedicated at the armory, in honor of the 13 men of Co. G who were killed in action in World War II.

I. J. Bookhout has sold his undertaking establishment and business to John H. Woodward.

The large and valuable collection of fire arms in the State armory was turned over to the city.

Emory C. Sawyer received the General Commanding award at the state cantonment held here. 1500 viewed the decoration of chivalry ceremony on 75 Rebekahs.

Gov. Dewey has appointed Donald H. Grant to the state board of pardons.

Two buildings from Camp Shanks were dismantled and brought here and constructed together in a "L" on Hartwick campus and will house offices, assembly and class rooms.

The city dumping ground has been changed to the Simonson farm on the South Side.

A plaque at the V. F. W. home was dedicated to the memory of 90 Oneontans who died that we might live.

Sterling P. Harrington has been appointed county attorney, to succeed Donald H. Grant.

The city has received a new $10,000 pumper for the fire department.

H. B. Atkinson has been appointed Otsego county district engineer, succeeding J. H. Thomas, promoted.

A new Co. G was federalized Nov. 6, with Capt. Charles O. McGonigal, succeeding Co. I, with Capt. Kenneth L. Black.

The Star radio station, WDOS, commenced operating Dec. 1.

Rev. George G. Summerson becomes pastor of the Elm Park Methodist church.

Rev. George Whipple becomes pastor of the River Street Baptist church.

Rev. James Alcock becomes pastor of the Chapin Memorial Univerlasist church.

— 1948 —

Leigh H. Murdock and George Gregory have sold the A. H. Murdock Implement company business to George Gregory and Merritt A. Gibbs.

James R. Gerling has retired after serving 56 years on the Y. M. C. A. board of directors.

Fox Memorial hospital now has a new modern operating room equipment, the gift of the late James A. Dewar.

A Kiwanis Key club has been organized, composed of High school students.

Dr. Michael Ripari succeeds Dr. Ray D. Champlin, promoted, as district health officer.

Rev. Roy T. Henwood succeeds Dr. George R. Savidge as district superintendent of the Oneonta district of Wyoming conference.

Frank M. Reardon succeeds C. Nathan Pendleton as president of the board of education.

Mrs. Bertus C. Lauren received the degree of doctor of laws from Hartwick college.

Attorney John F. Steidle jr. was severely beaten and robbed while attending the American Legion convention in Saratoga Springs.

The city is to construct a street leading to the new State Teachers college campus. Sixty acres of land was contributed to the State for the campus and the legislature authorized an appropriation of one and a quarter million dollars for the construction of modern buildings.

The events in the celebration of the centennial of Oneonta's existence as a municipality is a part of this Official Program, with the dedication of the memorial by that powerful organization, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, as the opening event. The memorial is appropriately located near the shrine of that order, Caboose No. 10 of the Albany & Susquehanna Rail Road, in which the organization was conceived and planned sixty-five years ago.

Post Masters and Date of Appointment

James McDonald (Milfordville P. O.)	1817
Eliakim R. Ford	1829
Jacob Dietz	1830
Eliakim R. Ford (Oneonta P. O.)	1831
D. A. A. Ensworth	1835
Timothy Sabin	1838
William Angell	1841
William S. Fritts	1841
Samuel J. Cook	----
Andrew G. Shaw	1853
Silas Sullivan	1861
George W. Reynolds	1869
John Cope	1877
Carey B. Pepper	1881
Hartford D. Nelson	1886
Harlow E. Bundy	1886
Charles F. Shelland	1889
George Kirkland	1894
Charles F. Shelland	1898
Charles J. Beams	1913
Frank G. Sherman	1922
Chester A. Miller	1934

Mrs. Bryce W. Brownell
Grange Lecturer
89 Chestnut Street
Oneonta New York

CHURCHES, DATES OF ORGANIZATION AND PRESENT PASTORS

First Presbyterian	1800	Dr. Boyd McCleary
Reorganization of a group formed 1786		
First Methodist	1830	Dr. Harold C. Buckingham
Meetings had been held as early as 1808		
First Baptist	1833	Rev. Richard R. Lloyd
Main Street Baptist	1856	Rev. George Thomson
St. James Episcopal	1871	Very Rev. Louis vanEss
Chapin Memorial Universalist	1877	Rev. James Alcock
St. Mary's Roman Catholic	1883	Very Rev. A. A. Cunningham
United Presbyterian	1889	Rev. Charles H. McClung
First Church of Christ, Scientist	1894	Mrs. Walter Nye, First Reader
Atonement Lutheran	1903	Rev. Paul J. Strenge
Elm Park Methodist	1916	Rev. George G. Summerson
River Street Baptist	1917	Rev. George Whipple
Pilgrim Holiness	1948	Rev. A. E. Blann
Gospel Tabernacle	1939	Rev. Russell Plants

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS

1848—Eliakim R. Ford
1849—Hezekiah Watkins
1850—Err W. Bennett
1853—Harvey Baker
1854—Silas Sullivan
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1858—David J. Yager
1859—Jacob C. Dietz
1860—John Cope
1861—Louis L. Bundy
1862—Horace McCall
1863—Andrew G. Shaw
1866—Henry Mosher
1868—Kelsey R. Kelley
1869—Andrew G. Shaw
1870—Silas Sullivan
1871—Warren W. Gillett
1872—Dr. Samuel H. Case
1873—James H. Keyes
1874—Charles E. Bunn
1875—Anthony White
1876—Madison H. Bissell
1877—William W. Snow
1878—William D. Bissell
1880—Newton I. Ford
1881—William D. Bissell
1883—Frank Gould
1884—Ransom Mitchell
1885—George Kirkland
1890—T. W. Stevens
1891—A. C. Moody
1898—John W. Brewer
1900—L. B. Lennon
1901—Nathan H. Briggs
1904—Charles H. Bowdish
1905—Joseph S. Lunn
1907—William W. Capron
1908—George L. Gibbs

MAYORS

1909—Albert Morris
1912—Frank D. Blodgett
1914—Joseph S. Lunn*
1917—Andrew E. Ceperley
1922—Clarence C. Miller
1924—W. Irving Bolton
1926—Bertus C. Lauren
1932—Francis H. Marx
1938—Daniel Franklin*
1942—Dorr S. Hickey*
1942—Russell E. Brigham
1944—Alexander F. Carson

* Died in office

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